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立ちふさがる様々な障害を乗り越え、
ついにひふみの家の合鍵をゲットした小介川♥
しかし、ガードの甘い日常生活を送るひふみに、小介川のリミッター早くもブレイク寸前!? 二人で過ごす高校生活最後の夏が始まる!!

合鍵ゲットで、ついにラブライフスタート♥

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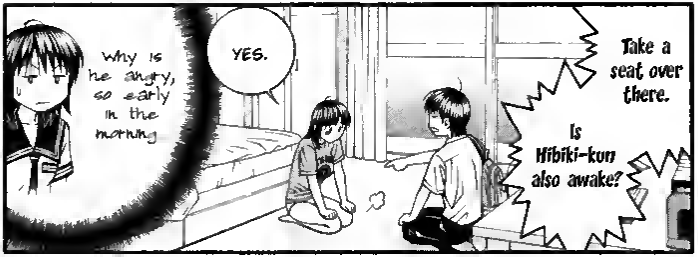
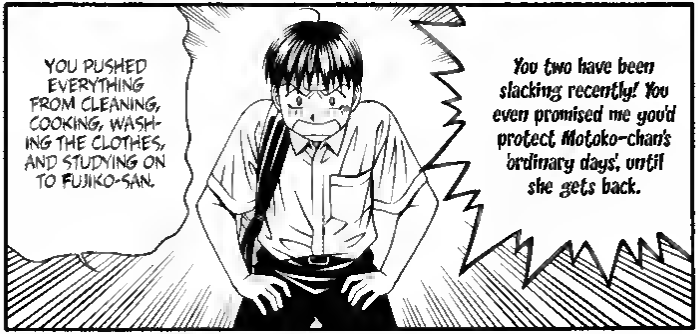
BING BONG
BING BONG
BING BONG
MOTOKO-CHAN HAS NOT COME BACK FOR TWO MONTHS. IT'S NOW JUNE
しいいん
SILENCE
AGAIN ...?
.....
SPEECHLESS.
.....
THAT WOULD USUALLY BE A REASON TO BE HAPPY, BUT...
GOOD MORNING, HIFUMI-KUN, I AM COMING IN.
CLACK
I RECEIVED A KEY FROM HER A WEEK AGO.
CLICK

Case50 : CROSSROADS

Hey! If you don't wake up, We'll be late again!
Um...
WAKE UP, ALREADY!
No!
I FEEL NOTHING EVEN WHEN I SEE HER PANTIES OR BREASTS IT IS SAD.
RECENTLY, THIS HAS BEEN OUR NORMAL MORNING ROUTINE.
Just five more minutes...
THANKS TO THAT-


Why is he angry, so early in the morning.
YES.
Take a seat over there.
Is Hibiki-kun also awake?


YOU PUSHED EVERYTHING FROM CLEANING, COOKING, WASHING THE CLOTHES, AND STUDYING ON TO FUJIKO-SAN.
You two have been slacking recently! You even promised me you'd protect Motoko-chan's 'ordinary days', until she gets back.

I- I also take care of our body with sports and meals
YOU SEE
But Mikuri takes care of the bathing and the eating.
That's why Fujiko-san is tired and won't wake up in the morning!

But, that's normal life for me.
ANGRY
...THOSE ARE JUST THINGS YOU LIKE, RIGHT?

That's totally too harmful!
If you don't clean, this place will turn into a garbage dump and get overrun by cockroaches.
You will be held back a year, if you're late to school too often.
It will get ugly, if you take ordinary life too lightly!
What, really?
Hii!
Your nutrition will be uneven and you'll get sick. Then you won't be able to eat the things you like, anymore!
You will have to eat instant food every day, if you are unable to cook.
Y- yes!
If you understand then reflect on it and hurry up and get ready!
POINT
SWEAT
BOING
がばっ
!?SE
!!

I don't want to get used to her being nude this year..
SLAM
Haa.
HEY!!
How often do I need to tell you to not change in front of a guy?!!
I am sowwy!!
HUH ?
What should I do, Fujiko-chan did not prepare the text books for today?
Er-m, what were today's lessons again?
GLANCE
GLANCE
TODAY IS THE SPORTS FESTIVAL.
CLATTER
YOU DON'T NEED YOUR TEXT BOOKS.

Today is the Sports Festival!!!
!
OOH, THAT'S RIGHT!
Roger! ♡
The lunchboxes Fujiko-san made are in the kitchen. Let's grab them and get going!
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO JUST WATCH LIKE USUAL, AFTERALL?
WELL,
たたっ
RUN
IT'S MIKIRI'S TURN IN THE AFTER-NOON!
OK.

But I am worried...
IT'LL BE ALRIGHT. I WON'T USE MY FULL POWER. IT IS NOT AN ACTUAL BATTLE, BUT JUST A SPORTS FESTIVAL, RIGHT?
THE SPORTS FESTIVAL IN THE THIRD YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL IS MOST LIKELY THE LAST SPORTS FESTIVAL IN OUR LIFE.
SO AT LEAST LET US PARTICIPATE THIS ONCE AND HAVE FUN!
Please!
?
Stop
PLEASE, KOSUKE-NIICHAN.
MOTOKO-CHAN, AS WELL AS HIFUMI HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF AN ENTERTAINING SPORTS FESTIVAL.
Okay... I understand.
DO YOUR BEST IN THE SPORTS FESTIVAL, MOTOKO.
RIGHT...

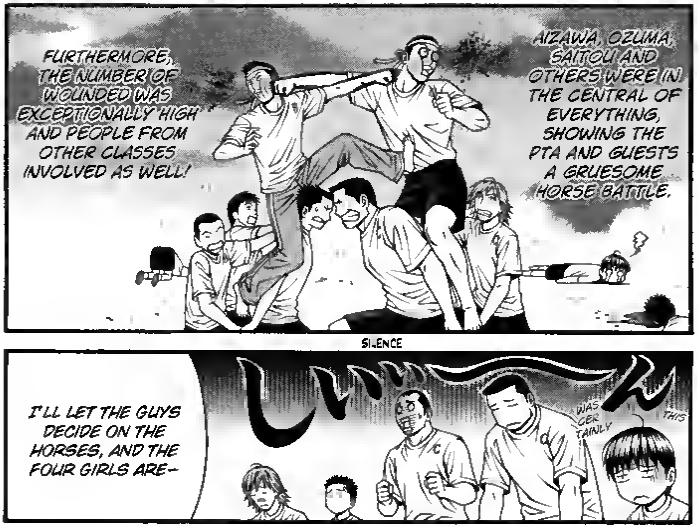
SIGN SPORTS FESTIVAL

シュバッ
ばびゅん
JUMP
ビーン
Just like that, Gettou!
UNCERTAIN UNCERTAIN
SHE HAS BEEN VERY LIVELY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIRD YEAR
ワー
ワー
THIS MIGHT BE FINE...
BUT...

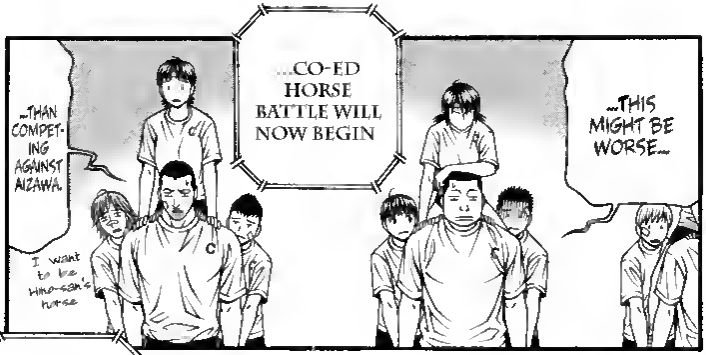
NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME PASSES, IT SEEMS LIKE IT IS INEVITABLE, THAT MOTOKO-CH, N WON'T RETURN.
MIKIRI-CHAN REALLY SEEMS TO BE HAVING FUN.
PUH.
THINGS WILL LIKELY GO ON LIKE THIS FOR A WHILE, AS I DON'T KNOW WHEN MOTOKO-CHAN MIGHT RETURN.
I got first place!
TO CREATE A PLACE FOR HIFUMI LITTLE, BY LITTLE...
YOU DID WELL!
IT MIGHT BE BETTER...
.....?

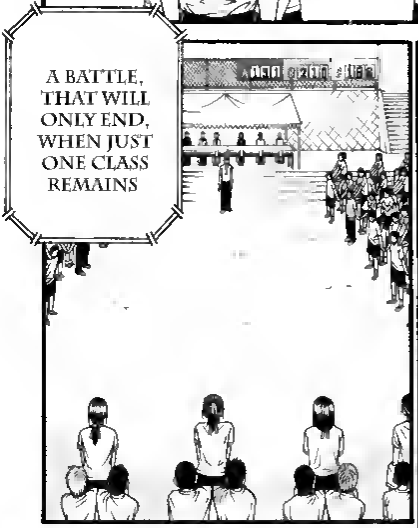
A 1 9 1
B 2 1 0
C 1 8 6
But it's not look good for us, class c
THE TEACHER TOLD US, THAT HE WOULD BUY DRINKS FOR THE WHOLE CLASS IF WE WON.
WITH THIS THE MORNING ACTIVITIES ARE OVER. PLEASE USE THIS INTERVAL TO RETURN TO YOUR CLASS-ROOMS AND EAT LUNCH.
ALL OF OUR TRAINING RUNS ENDED WITH A TIE, BECAUSE OF AIZAWA.
But Class B Has Aizawa
SAITOU AND I WILL MARK HIM!
WHAT ARE YOU WORRYING ABOUT? WE HAVE THE ALL BOY'S HORSE BATTLE IN THE AFTERNOON, WHICH GIVES TONS OF POINTS!
YEAH!
2 1 0
C 1 8 6
WE WILL TURN THE GAME AROUND AND GET THE JUICE FROM THE TEACHER LIKE PROMISED. ♡

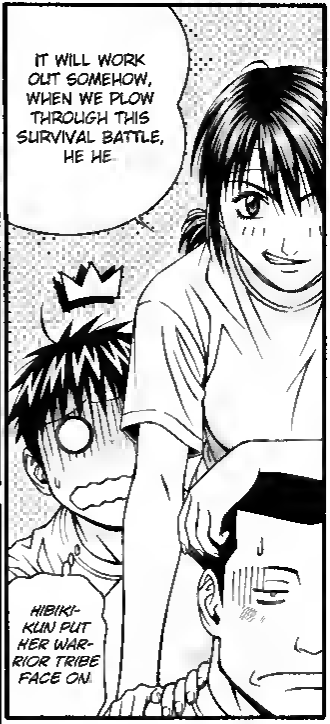
KEEP EATING AND LISTEN TO ME. THERE'S A CHANGE IN THE AFTERNOON PROGRAM.
3-C
IT IS ABOUT THE ALL BOY'S HORSE BATTLE.
IT HAS BEEN CHANGED INTO A CO-ED HORSE BATTLE.
THE GUYS WILL BE THE HORSES AND THE GIRLS THE RIDERS.
EEEEEH—!!!
A change on the very same day?!
KILLING
Are you that desperate to keep your juice?!
Why?!
THE REASON WAS THE TRAINING OF TWO DAYS AGO.
THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-PRINCIPAL WITNESSED THAT AND DECIDED.
Thinking about Juice in this case

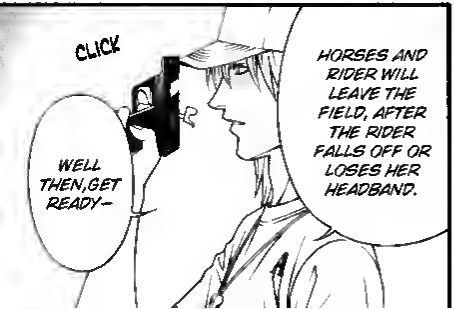

FURTHERMORE, THE NUMBER OF WOUNDED WAS EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH AND PEOPLE FROM OTHER CLASSES INVOLVED AS WELL!
AIZAWA, OZUMA, SAITOU AND OTHERS WERE IN THE CENTRAL OF EVERYTHING, SHOWING THE PTA AND GUESTS A GRUESOME HORSE BATTLE.
SILENCE
I'LL LET THE GUYS DECIDE ON THE HORSES, AND THE FOUR GIRLS ARE-
しいーん
THIS
WAS-DER-TAINLY
I EXPECTED THIS AND HAVE ACTUALLY BROUGHT CONTACTS WITH ME.
SMIRK
SHIVER
I APPRECIATE YOUR RECENT ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, BUT GLASSES ARE DANGEROUS.
Here, here, I'll do it!♡
GET-TOU, HUH

VISUAL
SMILE, SMILE.
.....
I REALLY WANTED TO DO THIS HORSE BATTLE.
WITH THIS, PROGRAM POINT 18, THE SCHOOL WIDE...
DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY, BRAT
IMPACT


...THAN COMPETING AGAINST AIZAWA.
I want to be Hino-san's horse
...CO-ED HORSE BATTLE WILL NOW BEGIN
...THIS MIGHT BE WORSE...


A BATTLE, THAT WILL ONLY END, WHEN JUST ONE CLASS REMAINS


IT WILL WORK OUT SOMEHOW, WHEN WE PLOW THROUGH THIS SURVIVAL BATTLE, HE HE
HIBIKI-KUN PUT HER WARRIOR TRIBE FACE ON.


CLICK
WELL THEN, GET READY—
HORSES AND RIDER WILL LEAVE THE FIELD, AFTER THE RIDER FALLS OFF OR LOSES HER HEADBAND.

BANG!
RUN
Class A is Hino-san, Class B is Ginga!!
Okay, let's use the confusion of the beginning to plow through and get their bands!
THE TEAMS MOVE IN A CLOSED FORMATION, TRYING TO MOVE BEHIND THE ENEMIES WHO WILL BREAK THIS BALANCE?
AH...
A SINGLE UNIT, BREAKS OUT AND RUSHES AGAINST CLASS C-
DASH
IT'S...
THE GUARDIAN GINGA TEAM OF CLASS 2-B !
WE'LL GO ACCORDING TO PLAN
OKAY!

Docking out!
JUMP
ISN'T THIS RECKLESS?!
STOMP
Okay!
Okay, let's surround them!
This one's mine!!
ZIP
EEH?!
Hii!
KE KE
CAN'T BE.
JUMP
KYA.
Great!

IMPRESSIVE!! GINGA ELEMINATED FOUR TEAMS OF CLASS C WITH ONE SWIFT ATTACK!
トーン
AH!!
Over here, Guardian!
ﾀﾀﾀﾀﾀﾀ
DASH
Got it!
THAT HURT!
I'LL GET YA-

Docking!
IMPACT
SLIDE
H-hey referee. Isn't that OFF the horse?!
FALLING OFF THE HORSE REFERS TO THE FALL OF THE HORSE AND TOUCHING THE GROUND
THIS DOES NOT COUNT AS FALLING OFF
HERE ...
Here they come!
HEE! THAT GINGA KNOWS WHAT SHE' DOING, HUH.
JUMP

!?
Well, me too!
JUMP
EVADE
Gyah!
THUD
Ah!

Eh?!
!!
DID GETTOU GET STRONGER AFTER SHE TOOK OFF HER GLASSES?
S-SEEMS SO
G-got it!
ガシっ
CLING
Throw Ginga into the Class A Horde!
THAT HURT!
UMGUH...
YOU CAN GO AND GET SOME HEADBANDS FROM CLASS A!
ポイ
THROW
GYAH! SHE'S COMING OVER HERE.

Okay! ♥
Get to it! Come over here for a ride, we'll use this chance and attack Class B!
What happened with Motoko?
SPIN
DASH
I have no clue, but she's really into it!
GRAB
Guardian, hurry up and get your ass here!!
GINGA, COMPLETELY ISOLATED FROM THE REST, CONTINUES TO TAKE HEADBANDS DESPITE THE OVERWHELMING HANDICAP!
Okay! I got five!! ♥
JUMP
WAH
Yes... but no blood is flowing.
THAT'S MORE FLASHY THAN THE TRAINING...
MEANWHILE CLASS B, WHO HAS LOST THEIR MAIN POWER GUARDIAN AND GINGA
IS BEING PRESSURED BY CLASS A AND C!
Come over here, horse!
校
来

Is your headband still fine?!
HEHE, I AM BACK.
Fine, sorry to have kept you waiting!
WAH
SOME HOW ...
WEL-COME BACK --
B
C
C
GUN
THROW
THROW
EH?!
!?
AH?
WAH-
SAM
THE RIDERS OF CLASS B AND C...
LAND
YAN.
WHAT IS THIS?!
KYAH!
SERI-OUS-LY?
TH-THIS
FALL ONE AFTER AN-OTHER!
LAND

IT'S
HINO-SAN!!
MM
AH!

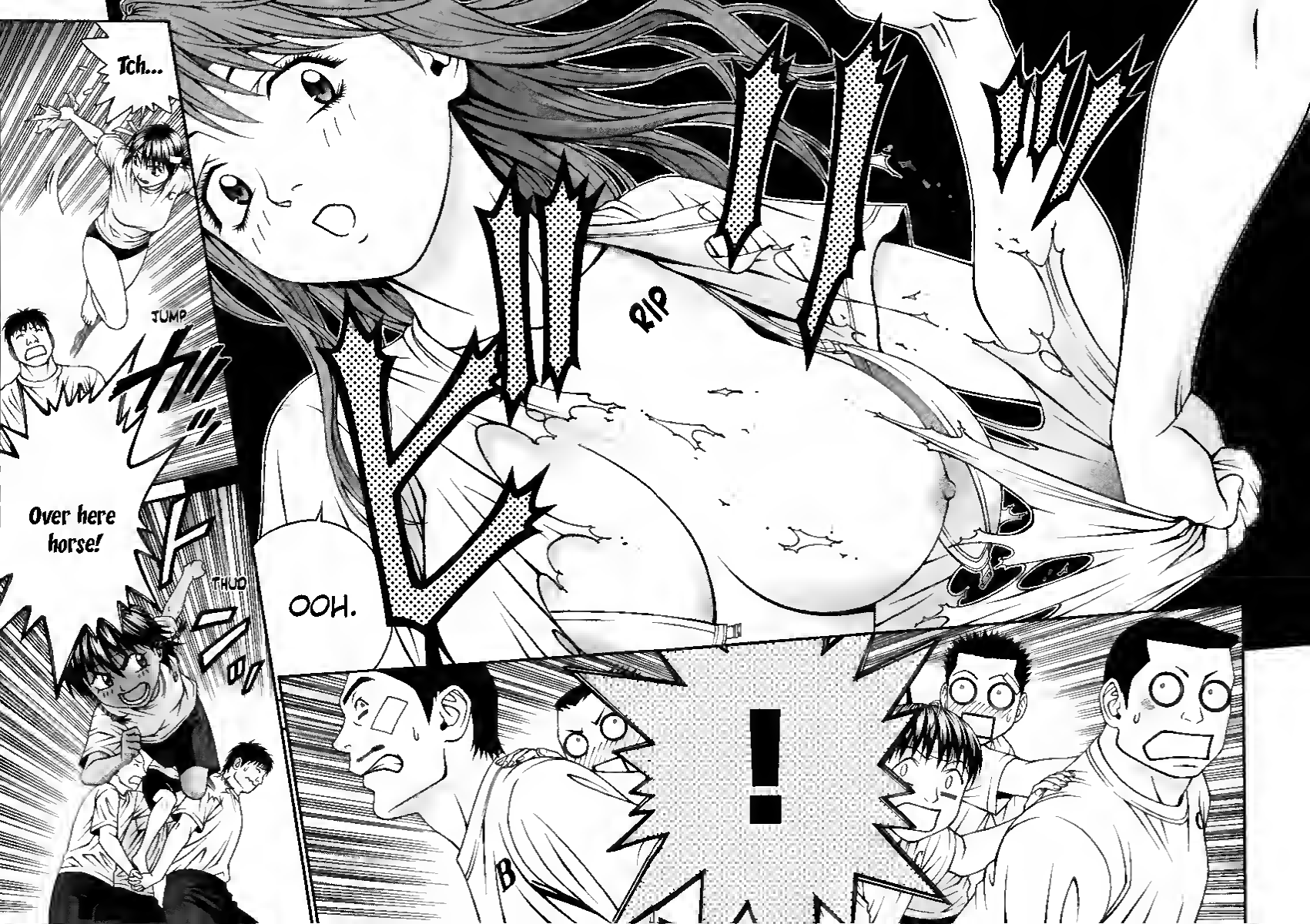
She is the greatest nuisance
THAT'S HINO-SAN FOR YOU. ♡
HER PLAN WAS TO MAKE THEM FALL OFF THE HORSE, WHICH HAS THE SAME RESULT AS LOSING YOUR HEADBAND.
S-SORRY, SHE GOT US.
What should we do? We are the last of Class C.
Eh?
Class B also consists of us. So you want to join forces, huh.
Ginga! Don't you want to attack Izuru with me?
Our battle can come after that!
UKYAAAAAH—
うりゃあーーーっっ
HUH.
THEN, TWO HORSES OF CLASS A AND ONE OF CLASS B AND C, REMAIN OH
ドドドド
STOMPING

CLASS B AND C JOINED FORCES!!
SMILE
GETTING ALONG WELL WITH EACH OTHER IS A GOOD THING.
JUST AS EXPECTED. GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE, RIGHT?
JUMP JUMP
ウキ
PISSED OFF
Don't put me together with her!!

THIS IS REALLY.
SEVERE.
LAND
LAND
THUD

NOW!
THROW
You are mine!!

EVADE
!
MOTION
A
GRAB


Tch...
JUMP
Over here horse!
THUD
RIP
OOH.
!

HUH?
Hey!
ぴた
STARE
THAT'S WONDERFUL!
にへら
STUPID SMILE
AAh!!
B
LAND

A
LEAD THE LIFE OF A NUDIST, UNTIL APPROX. TWO YEARS AGO
HOW UN-THINK-ABLY RUDE-
THUD
AUGH ...
AFTER
WAAA
AH.
The winner is Class A!!
DAMN.
K- Kouikegawa!
SHAKE
SHAKE
IDIOTS.
THE RIDERS OF CLASS B AND C FELL OFF THEIR HORSES.
Yes...
Blood flew in the end, didn't it?

I lost, but it was veeery fun!
I WILL DO MY BEST TO PLAY THE ROLE OF MOTOKO AGAIN, TOMORROW!
ニコォ
SMILE
THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME DO THINGS, AS I WANTED UNTIL THE END.
YOU OVERDID IT A BIT... BUT WAS IT FUN? THE SPORT FESTIVAL.
OKAY, BUT IT'S FINE NOT OVERDOING IT. YOU GUYS ALSO SHOULD HAVE FUN, OKAY?
THIS SHOULD BE FINE, RIGHT, MOTOKO-CHAN?
WE WILL ALWAYS BE WAITING FOR YOU.

CHANGE 123

RAW PROVIDER: KAJII
TRANSLATOR: KUROKAMI
PROOFREADER: REIKOSUAVE
CLEANER: KAJII
TYPESETTER: PROZESS
Q-CER: ZERODC

IMANGASCANS

IF YOU HAVE THE MAGIC ABILITY OF

1. TRANSLATING
2. PROOFREADING
3. TYPESETTING

THEN DONT BE SHY AND JOIN US AT IMANGASCANS.COM

TRANSFORMATION BEAUTIFUL GIRL ACTION! ♡
IN ORDER TO GET RID OF THE EVIL OF THIS WORLD! RAMEN RAIDER ARRIVES!
1 ICHI
2 NI
3 SAN
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OVERLOAD, WE WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY!
WE WILL TAKE 'OVER-TECHNOLOGY' AWAY FROM PEOPLE WITHOUT A HEART.
!
ゴゴゴゴゴゴ
IN THE MIDDLE OF A DATE WITH HIFUMI, ○ KOSUKEGAWA'S CHOICE FOR A MOVIE?!
OH MY, THE COPIED GOODS COMBINE FORCES.
YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE, WHO IS ENJOYING HIMSELF WHILE WITNESSING THIS MAYHEM!

YOUR INFLUENCE ON THE NET IS ALREADY MORE THAN BAD ENOUGH!
WE WILL END THIS GAME, WHERE YOU REVEL IN WATCHING THE DEATH OF PEOPLE, HERE AND NOW!
WHAT?!
NO RESULT
THE QUALITY OF THE MOLECULAR COMPOSITION OF OUR BODIES ARE DIFFERENT.
USE-LESS.
IT WAS A MISTAKE TO FUSE WITH THE ROCKET IN ORDER TO RETURN TO SPACE.
Pi Pi
WE CAN DO IT, JUST ONE MORE STEP UNTIL HE REACHES THE LIMIT OF HIS POWER!

THE ROCKET YOU SNATCHED AWAY WAS...
FALL OVER
KU!
ZECHS, NOW!
GOT YA.
MADE ON EARTH!
THREATENING
CRACK
CKICK
ME?!
I GET BEATEN BY THE SIDE PRODUCT CREATED BY HUMAN TECHNOLOGY BECAUSE OF A SIMPLE DIVERSION OF FUNDS?
WHOOSH
YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY TO EARTH, RIGHT? THEN—

WE WILL BURY YOUR BONES ON THIS PLANET!

THUD
GUAH!
MUNCH
MUNCH
OOH
KABOOOM

I- IT'S NOT THE END, IT'S ONLY TAKING A TEMPORARY BREAK!
THAT WAS REALLY INTERESTING.
BUT THIS MOVIE MARKS THE END OF RAIDER, RIGHT?
仮面ライダーレイダー Final
YEAH
YEAH
AS LONG AS PEOPLE CONTINUE TO SEEK OUT JUSTICE, RAIDER WILL REVIVE AGAIN.
AH, THE REAL ONE
CLICK
I- IT'S FINE. THAT WOULD GO AGAINST THE SENSE OF JUSTICE RAIDER TAUGHT ME.
HOW ABOUT YOU TRY LINING UP WITH THE CHILDREN?
TO AVOID ANY CONFUSION AND CHILDREN GETTING LOST WE WILL FAVOR THE CHILDREN FOR THE PHOTO SHOOT

I THINK I LIKE THIS CHOCOLATE MINT ICE CREAM THE BEST.
IT REALLY IS THE SEASON FOR ICE CREAM. THE TESTS ARE ALSO OVER AND SUMMER HOLIDAYS WILL BEGIN SOON.
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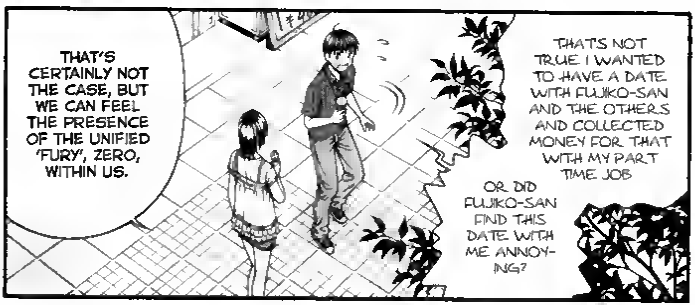
SORRY, THAT IT WAS US YOU HAD TO HAVE A DATE WITH AFTER ALL THAT WAITING.


THAT'S NOT TRUE. I WANTED TO HAVE A DATE WITH FUJIKO-SAN AND THE OTHERS AND COLLECTED MONEY FOR THAT WITH MY PART TIME JOB
OR DID FUJIKO-SAN FIND THIS DATE WITH ME ANNOYING?
THAT'S CERTAINLY NOT THE CASE, BUT WE CAN FEEL THE PRESENCE OF THE UNIFIED 'FURY', ZERO, WITHIN US.

WAIT A MOMENT THIS RESURFACED MEMORY WAS MOTOKO-CHAN'S RIGHT!? THEN IT IS CLEAR THAT SHE IS THE 'TRUE FORM'!
WE ALSO WISH TO THINK THAT, BUT...
IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO THINK THAT THE SAME THING WILL HAPPEN TO US AS WELL, FROM NOW ON.
WE CANNOT FEEL THE PRESENCE OF MOTOKO. IF MOTOKO, THE PERSONALITY CALLED 'HOST' WAS ELIMINATED,
E- EVEN THEN, IT'S STRANGE TO THINK THAT SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED! KANNAMI HAD SAID SO BEFORE
.....
THERE'S ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS WAS ZERO'S MEMORY.
SO, MOTOKO-CHAN'S HEART MUST STILL BE SOMEWHERE!
CRACK
THE OTHER PERSONALITIES ARE AN ELEMENT OF THE TRUE FORM', SO EVEN WHEN THEY ARE FUSED, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY ARE ERASED

A PRESENCE THAT YOU CANNOT SENSE...?
.....!
YES, IT MIGHT REALLY WORK OUT SOMEHOW.
RIGHT?!
ガシッ
I DON'T HAVE ANY EVIDENCE, BUT IT'S FINE. IT WILL WORK OUT SOMEHOW! I HAVE THAT KIND OF FEELING.
S- SORRY!
べしょ…
AH...
MORE IMPORTANTLY, NOW YOUR HAND IS STICKY BECAUSE YOU CRUSHED THE ICE CREAM SUNDAE.
Y- YES
I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO DO THAT TODAY.
WOULD YOU HOLD HANDS WITH ME AGAIN, AFTER YOU WASHED YOUR HANDS?

WELL, KOSUKEGAWA, WE KNOW THAT YOU WANTED TO HAVE A SPECIAL DATE WITH US AND COLLECTED MONEY FOR THAT PURPOSE,
BUT IT IS FINE TO HAVE A NORMAL DATE WITH US, LIKE USUAL.
WONDERFUL, THAT WAS DELICIOUS!
THANKS FOR THE MEAL!
OKAY... SEE YOU TOMORROW THEN.
EH? BUT...
SO SAVE THAT MONEY,
AND USE IT WHEN MOTOKO COMES BACK!
YOU...
YOU'RE RIGHT!

KOSUKE-NII-CHAN DID NOT SMILE WHOLEHEART-EDLY TODAY, EITHER
...I REALLY DON'T UN-DERSTAND HIM.
GOOD NIGHT.
YES.
FUJIKO, THE THING YOU THOUGHT ABOUT EARLIER
IT IS WORTH TRYING OUT
I WISH I COULD SAY THAT IT WAS FOR KOSUKEGAWA, BUT THIS IS A VERY DANGEROUS GAMBLE
CLENCH
I UNDER-STAND THAT, BUT...
ME AND MIKIRI...
ARE ALSO FED UP WITH WAITING ANY LONGER!

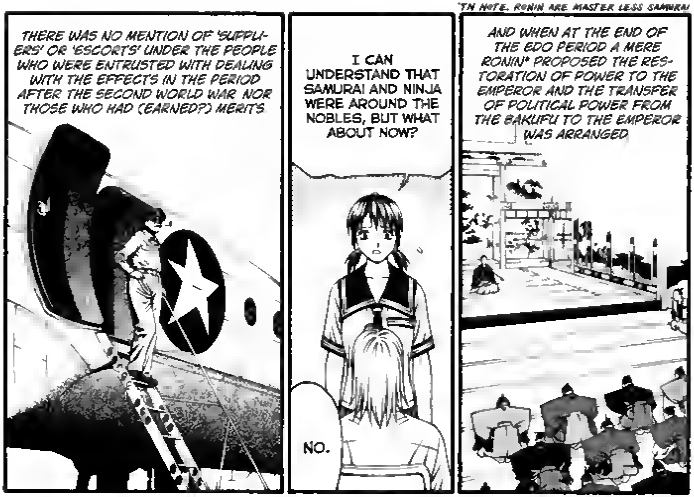
THIS IS INDEED WORTH TRYING, HOWEVER IS IT REALLY OKAY?
EVEN IF THIS DID POSSIBLY WORK OUT...
I SEE.
IT MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE YOUR FINAL BATTLE.
377

STAND UP
WELL, WE WILL FIGHT TO OUR LIMITS TO NOT LEAVE ANY REGRETS BEHIND.
AH!
OF COURSE, I HAVE A DUTY OF CONFIDENTIALITY TO FULFILL, BUT I DO NOT WANT KOSUKEGAWA TO GO THROUGH THE SAME THING AGAIN.
AND, KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM KOSUKEGAWA.
BY THE WAY.
EH?
WERE YOU GUYS NOT VISITED BY SOMEONE AFTER THE ASSAULT INCIDENT IN SPRING?
LIKE KISARAGI-SENSEI FOR INSTANCE...
IT'S BETTER NOT TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT KISARAGI-SENSEI OR GRANDMOTHER.
.....

I GOT INTERESTED IN YOUR MOTHER ASAGI-SAN AND TRIED TO INVESTIGATE THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF ONE OF YOUR FATHERS, HAYASE-SAN.
NO... NOBODY AT ALL?
TN NOTE: BOTH ARE FAMOUS NINJA CLANS.
THEY ARE INHERENTLY DIFFERENT FROM OTHER NINJA CLANS WITH GREAT NAMES, WHO ARE MENTIONED IN BOOKS AND LITERATURE.
LIKE THE IGA AND KOGA!*
IT SEEMS THAT YOUR FAMILY HAS SINCE THE EARLY DAYS HAD THE OCCUPATION OF GATHERING INFORMATION IN SECRET.
SO OUR ANCESTORS WERE NINJA FROM WHERE?
THE IGA AND KOGA WERE CLOSER TO HIRED SP, KILLED IN GUERILLA WARFARE, RATHER THAN INFORMATION GATHERING.
IMPRESSIVE!
HEE, LIKE NINJAS?

IT SEEMS THEY WERE USED BY PEOPLE OF NOBILITY IN THE IMPERIAL COURT.
THIS HYPOTHESIS IS VERY FAMOUS AMONG SPECIALISTS.
AND THOSE 'SUPPLIERS' ALSO PLAYED PART IN LEADING TO INCIDENTS WHERE THE NOBLES PROFITED, WHILE MAKING IT APPEAR LIKE COINCIDENCES.
THEY ARE NOT MENTIONED LIKE THE KOUGA OR IGA, BUT THERE ARE OLD LETTERS AND TEXT...
WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF 'SUPPLIERS' AND 'ESCORTS'.
FOR EXAMPLE... IN THE AZUCHI PERIOD, WHEN AKECHI MITSUHIDE SET NOBUNAGA'S TROOPS ON FIRE, WHEN THEY BESIEGED THE EMPEROR.
京都
500Km
EDO
KYOTO
THEY WERE USED TO DOING THINGS, OTHERS COULD NOT DO, LIKE GETTING FROM KYOTO TO EDO WITHIN THREE DAYS.

*TN NOTE. RONIN ARE MASTER LESS SAMURAI



I WONDER WHERE HIFUMI WENT, WHILE LEAVING HER BAG BEHIND...
HUH?
JOLT
ドクン!!
WAH!
KO~SU~KE~GA~WAI
TO THE TOILET, PERHAPS?
DO YOU WANT SOMETHING FROM HER?
HINO-SAN TOO?
THUMP
ドキドキ
WOULD YOU KNOW WHERE I COULD FIND HINO-SAN?
IT SEEMS SHE IS STILL INSIDE OF SCHOOL, BUT...
SA-SAITOU?! WHAT THE...

ISN'T THAT THE SAME AS OZUMA TWO YEARS AGO..? BUT I DON'T THINK THIS WILL WORK OUT.
I KNOW
T- TO BE HONEST I WANTED TO CONFESS TO HINO-SAN SINCE THE SPORTS MEET I ALWAYS HAVE HINO-SAN'S FACE IN FRONT OF ME.
ACTUALLY THREE PARTS ARE HER FACE AND THE REMAINING SEVEN ARE HER BREASTS
ALTHOUGH THE TOURNAMENT IS CLOSE, I CANNOT CONCENTRATE ON JUDO AT ALL!
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CONVEYING YOUR FEELINGS, RIGHT?!
HINO-SAN WILL CERTAINLY REFUSE WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT IT JUST LIKE WHEN KATOU OR YAMAMOTO CONFESSED BUT YOU SEE...
AND GINGA WENT OFF SOMEWHERE IN HER GYM CLOTHES.
AHA...
THOSE TWO DID NOT SHOW UP HERE.
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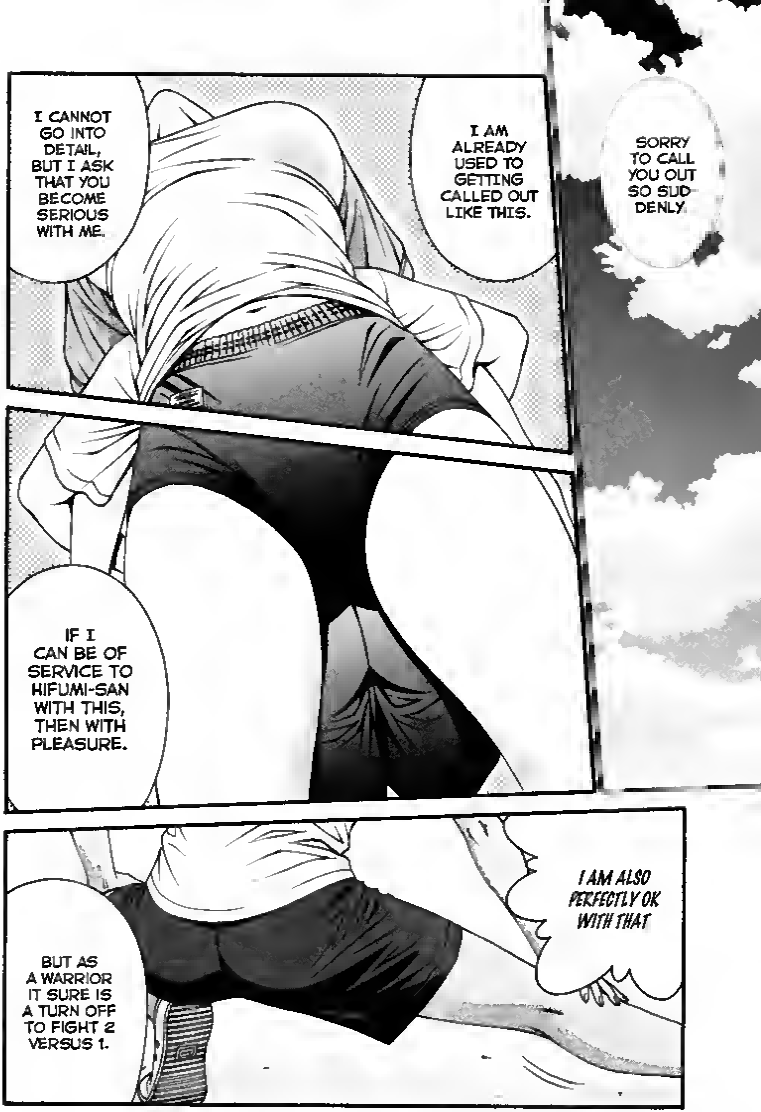
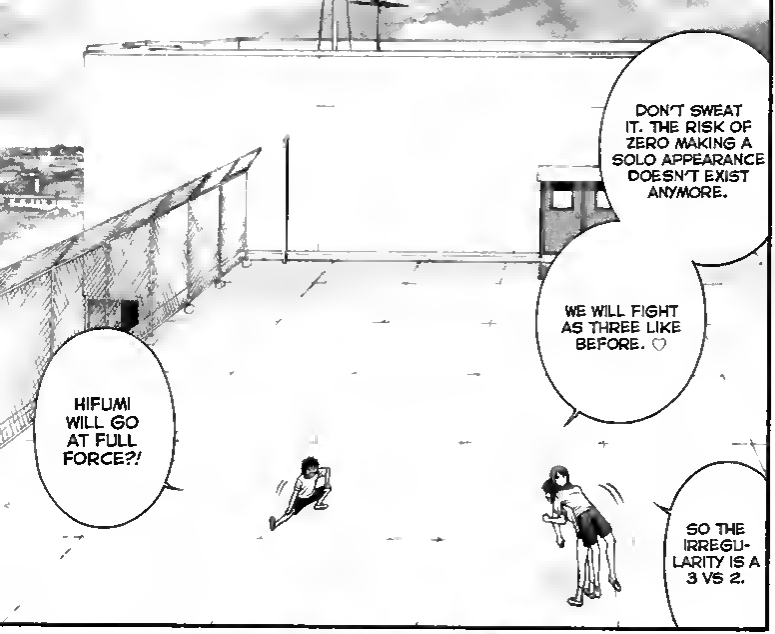
I UNDERSTAND YOU... THEN LET'S SEARCH TOGETHER. I'M ALSO LOOKING FOR GETTOU-SAN.
SORRY ABOUT THAT...


SORRY TO CALL YOU OUT SO SUDDENLY.
I AM ALREADY USED TO GETTING CALLED OUT LIKE THIS.
I CANNOT GO INTO DETAIL, BUT I ASK THAT YOU BECOME SERIOUS WITH ME.
IF I CAN BE OF SERVICE TO HIFUMI-SAN WITH THIS, THEN WITH PLEASURE.
I AM ALSO PERFECTLY OK WITH THAT
BUT AS A WARRIOR IT SURE IS A TURN OFF TO FIGHT 2 VERSUS 1.


DON'T SWEAT IT. THE RISK OF ZERO MAKING A SOLO APPEARANCE DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE.
WE WILL FIGHT AS THREE LIKE BEFORE. ♡
HIFUMI WILL GO AT FULL FORCE?!
SO THE IRREGULARITY IS A 3 VS 2.

OKAY I WILL ALSO GIVE EVERYTHING!!
I PERSONALLY ALSO PREFER A FIGHT ONE ON ONE, BUT THERE IS NO MEANING IN THIS WHEN WE DON'T BRING IT TO A CONCLUSION.

?
BUT.
HEHE, IT REALLY IS THE BEST TO GO ALL OUT AND FIGHT WITH A SMILE ON YOUR FACE.

I AM RIGHT NOW VERY DANGEROUS AT FULL FORCE...
ENOUGH TO CRUSH A PERSON WITH A SINGLE ATTACK.

I AM A WARRIOR OF THE GIGI TRIBE.
I ALREADY KNEW THAT I WAS GOING TO FIGHT A BEAST OF AN OPPONENT WITH FEROCIOUS ATTACKS WHEN I ACCEPTED. ♡
I COULD FEEL THAT HIBIKI-SAN'S POWER RIGHT NOW IS THE SAME AS ZERO'S BACK IN OKINAWA.
I ALREADY HAD THE RESOLVE.
SMILE
.....
SO, IF YOU POSSIBLY DO NOT CARRY THE RESOLVE, REFUSE IMMEDIATELY.
AS, KOSUKEGAWA-SAN, SAYS, 'IT WILL WORK OUT SOMEHOW!'
YEP! ♡
.....

HERE I COME!
DASH
DASH
DASH
I AM REALLY GLAD THAT I WAS ABLE TO MEET YOU GUYS...
THIS MIGHT ALSO BE THANKS TO KOSUKEGAWA.

JUST AS EXPECTED ♡
STU
LAN!

JUMP
WHOOSH
AH.
WHAM
HE HE.
KU.
KICK

TEACHER!
!!!
WHAT IS IT?
HAVE YOU SEEN KINO-SAN AND GETTOU-SAN?
NO IDEA-
ゴルオン
WHAAAAAM
?!
WH-WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?
FROM THE ROOF-TOP?

KAH...
CLANG
LAND
?!
CRAB

JUMP
DAMN!
TWIST
GINGA PLAYED THE DECOY FOR THIS?!

AH...
THUD
EH?
EIYA!!
CRACK
SHE FORCIBLY DISLOCATED HER OWN SHOULDER

CLACK
WHAT IN THE WORLD ...?
HAA
EVEN THOSE TWO
HAA
HAA
ARE NOT ENOUGH.. HUH.
!!
AAH!

VISUAL
IMPACT

STOMPING
ガッ
GRAB
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HINO-SAN...?
AH!
THROW

SLIDE
EH?!
THAT'S CONCRETE BELOW!!
N-
SAITOU?!
HYOI.
S-SORRY
NO!!!
どぜん
SLOMP
IT WAS BY RE-FLEX.

IN A SITUATION, WHERE SHE CAN'T TALK HER WAY OUT, DRIVEN INTO A CORNER!? NEXT ISSUE, A SHOCKING DEVELOPMENT!!

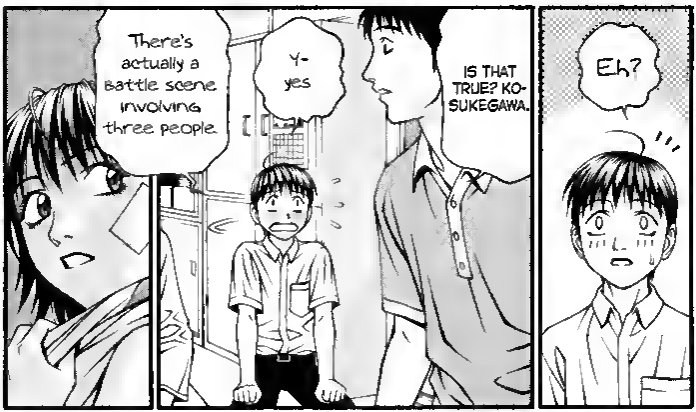
Case52 :

Unrelated

SIGN
INFIRMARY
HERE WE GO.
Owl
THERE'S NO DAMAGE TO THE BONE OR JOINT, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T USE YOUR RIGHT ARM FOR THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS.
crack!
MURATA-SENSEI, HOW DOES IT LOOK? THE CONDITION OF THOSE THREE.
I SHOULD REALLY GO TO THE HOSPITAL WITH THEM.
IT'S FINE, THERE ARE JUST BRUISES LEFT, THE OTHER TWO HAVE A BRAIN CONCUSSION. THEY'VE ALREADY REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.

I SEE.
But, why did those three who always seem friendly with each other fight?

THERE'S A DIFFICULT FIGHTING SCENE IN THE SUBCULTURE STUDIES NEXT MOVIE. WE THOUGHT WE COULD DO IT JUSTICE BY DOING THIS TRAINING, NE KOSUKEGAWA-SAN?
WE DID NOT FIGHT.


There's actually a battle scene involving three people.
Y-yes
IS THAT TRUE? KOSUKEGAWA.
Eh?

Ah...
BUT EVEN IF IT WAS JUST A TRAINING FOR THAT BATTLE, THAT GETTOU COULD DO THAT WITH GINGA AND HINO, AS AN OPPONENT.
THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE.
I CAN'T FOOL THEM ANYMORE THAN THAT, BUT I HAVE TO AT LEAST KEEP THE THING ABOUT HIFUMI A SECRET.
E-
Could it be that master was actually...
Gettou?!
Err

AND YET I WANTED HER TO APPEAR IN THAT MOVIE, NO MATTER WHAT...
TO BE HONEST... GETTOU-SAN'S FATHER IS A RENOWNED HAND TO HAND FIGHTING SPECIALIST,
AND HE TRAINED HER SINCE CHILDHOOD, BUT...
SHE HATES FIGHTING AND SO HIDES THIS FACT.
I'm really sorry! To have caused this ruckus.
SO THERE ARE REALLY PEOPLE WITH SUCH STORIES.
I CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR KOSUREGAWA...
.....

SORRY AND THANKS FOR EVERY-THING.
ゴトン
ゴトン
IT'S OKAY, GINGA AND HINO GOT A RIDE HOME.
I ALSO KNOW VERY WELL HOW IT IS, WHEN YOU CAN'T USE YOUR RIGHT ARM.
.....
I SEE... THAT'S HOW IT WAS.
THAT TIME HE ALSO DID IT FOR US.
WE DON'T HAVE A BROKEN BONE, SO WE'LL MANAGE SOME-HOW AND FUR-THERMORE MIKIRI IS LEFT-HANDED.
SO... WHY DID YOU FIGHT WITH THOSE TWO, TODAY?
I only wanted to test out the power we got through the fusion with Zero.

武湯建設
の店・
That's it?
YES.
AND, WE UNDER-STOOD.
IF WE WERE TO GO ALL OUT NOW-
USING IT NORMALLY, WE'D CAUSE A TON OF PROBLEMS IN TOWN.
IN THE END, I EVEN LIED TO YOU.
SO, I AM-
Click
OKAY, I'LL LEAVE YOUR THINGS OVER HERE-
!?

パーン
パキパキ

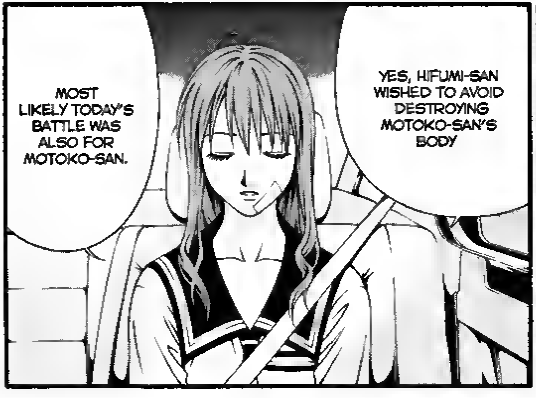
HE HE... SORRY, I PROMISED TO NOT DO IT UNTIL YOU AND MOTOKO KISSED.
Why all of a sudden?
You broke your promise again!
BUT THIS WILL BE THE FINAL TIME I BREAK IT.
BYE!
Eh..?! Yes, good night.

I REALLY CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
ANYHOW.
THAT EVEN THE CURRENT GADAM IZURU, WOULD LOSE...
Eh!?
IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT TO WIN AGAINST ZERO'S POWER AS A NORMAL HUMAN.
FURTHERMORE IT SEEMS THAT HIFUMI STILL HAD SOME POWER LEFT.
IT'S A BIT DIFFERENT FROM 'HOLDING BACK'.
Although they said that they'll come at us with full force, they held back!?

THAT FIERCE, ENORMOUS POWER OF HERS WAS ALWAYS RELEASED
THE ZERO, I SAW IN OKINAWA DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH CONTROL TO ONLY STOP AT KNOCKING SOMEONE OUT
...That's great! That was her at real full power.
I also want to try that!
HOWEVER, IF YOU WERE TO FIGHT LIKE THAT REGULARLY...
YOU ALREADY HAVE FOR A SHORT MOMENT. TWO YEARS AGO, DURING THE CULTURE FESTIVAL.
Eh?!
R-Really?
THAT WAS YOUR SCARY MOMENT. ♡

AND JUST MOVING WILL RIP YOUR TENDONS AND MUSCLES.
IT WOULD ONLY BE A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL YOUR OWN ATTACKS CRUSH YOUR BONES.

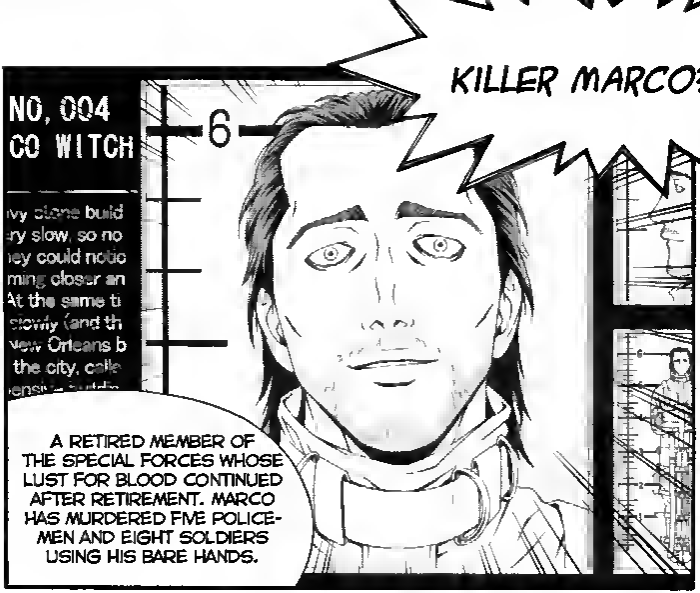
AND CAUSE IT TO RUPTURE.
THOSE MOVEMENTS ABOVE THE LIMIT PUT A STRAIN ON THE HEART.


MOST LIKELY TODAY'S BATTLE WAS ALSO FOR MOTOKO-SAN.
YES, HIFUMI-SAN WISHED TO AVOID DESTROYING MOTOKO-SAN'S BODY
YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DIE.
So she held back for that reason...

I HAVE NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT GETTING STRONGER!
LET'S DO SOME SPECIAL TRAINING OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, TO BE AT LEAST A BIT OF HELP.
BUT, TODAY DIDN'T EXACTLY GO TOO WELL.
Let's do it!
HOW ABOUT IT?
BUT HIBIKI-SAN WILL DEFINITELY CHANGE HER PLANS.
YES, OUR POWER IS INSUFFICIENT.

YES.
YES IT GOES JUST LIKE YOU SAID,
BUT I REALLY CAN'T DECIDE ANYTHING ON MY OWN.
IT SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME QUITE TROUBLE-SOME.
I WILL ASK THE LEADER AND THEN CALL YOU BACK.

TN NOTE: :)
FICTIONAL PLACE OF THE ANIME 3-DECKER


KILLER MARCO?!
NO. 004
CO WITCH
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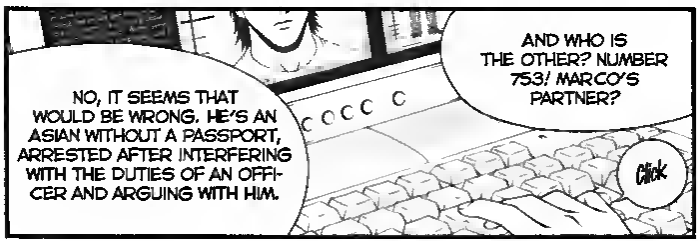
A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES WHOSE LUST FOR BLOOD CONTINUED AFTER RETIREMENT. MARCO HAS MURDERED FIVE POLICEMEN AND EIGHT SOLDIERS USING HIS BARE HANDS.

...IT WILL GET EXTREMELY UGLY, IF WE LET SUCH A GUY ESCAPE!
AFTER THAT HE CONTINUED ON TO KILL NINE HAND TO HAND COMBAT SPECIALISTS!


NO, IT SEEMS THAT WOULD BE WRONG. HE'S AN ASIAN WITHOUT A PASSPORT, ARRESTED AFTER INTERFERING WITH THE DUTIES OF AN OFFICER AND ARGUING WITH HIM.
AND WHO IS THE OTHER? NUMBER 753! MARCO'S PARTNER?
Click

YOU EVEN PREPARED CLOTHES TO CHANGE FOR ME...
SO YOU LET YOURSELF GET CAUGHT ON PURPOSE TO GET ME OUT, HUH.
I HID CLOTHES TO CHANGE AND A WALLET WITH MONEY HERE, AT THE ROOTS OF THIS TREE. ♡
MONEY, HUH
.....
THERE WAS NO HINDRANCE AND IT SEEMED LIKE FUN, I ALSO PLANNED THE ESCAPE CAREFULLY BEFOREHAND.

!?
YOU CAN TAKE EVERYTHING AND LEAVE,
IF YOU CAN KILL ME, THAT IS. ♡

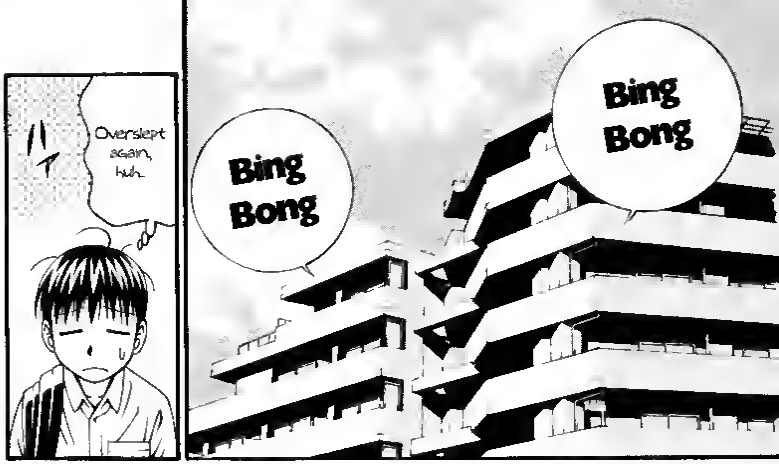
YOU... WHAT'S YOUR GOAL?
I JUST LIKE FIGHTING, SO I WANTED TO TEST MYSELF AGAINST THE RUMORED KILLER MARCO.
I'M GLAD THAT I MADE IT IN TIME TO GET YOU OUT BEFORE THE EXECUTION.
NOW LET'S FIGHT TO OUR HEART'S CONTENT!
.....
I SEE, THAT'S HOW IT WAS.
I CAN KILL PEOPLE AGAIN!

That would be...
WE SIGHTED 004.
Too late, he's already dying...
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES, YOU MAY SHOOT HIM ON SIGHT!
WELL THEN, TIME TO RUN AWAY.
AFTER ALL THOSE HARDSHIPS JUST THREE MINUTES OF FUN, HUH...

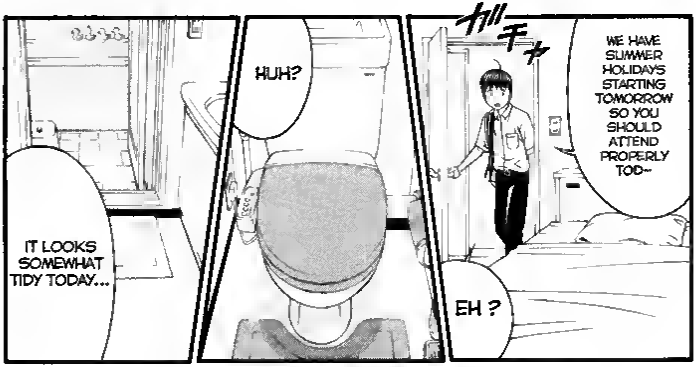
SFX: "RINGTONE"

A MAIL FROM MOTOKO?
SO, MOTOKO'S STILL NOT BACK...
NO, IT'S FROM FUJIKO.
10.000 m over the Atlantic Ocean.
YES, BUT IT SEEMS THEY ARE THINKING ABOUT SOME-THING.
THE MESSAGE SAID THAT WE SHOULDN'T CONTACT THEM FOR A WHILE AND WAIT PATIENTLY,
SEEMS WE SHOULD NOT ACT FOR NOW.
FMA
COMMANDER JIN, WE REACHED THE POINT.
ゴウン

NOTE FROM THE MANGAKA: HALO STANDS FOR HIGH ALTITUDE, LOW OPENING AND "BAYONET" TO A JUMP WITH A PARACHUTE FROM HIGH ALTITUDE WHILE THE OPENING OF SAID PARACHUTE OCCURS RELATIVELY CLOSE TO THE GROUND TO AVOID DETECTION.
SUMMER HOLIDAYS WILL BE LONG THIS TIME, AS WELL.
GO!
OKAY, WE'LL INFILTRATE VIA HALO JUMP AND THEN NEUTRALIZE THE ENEMY'S MAIN WEAPON
Roger!
KOSUKEGA, SEEMS LIKE YOUR...
TN NOTE: SEEMS TO BE HIS NICKNAME


Overslept again, huh.
Bing Bong
Bing Bong

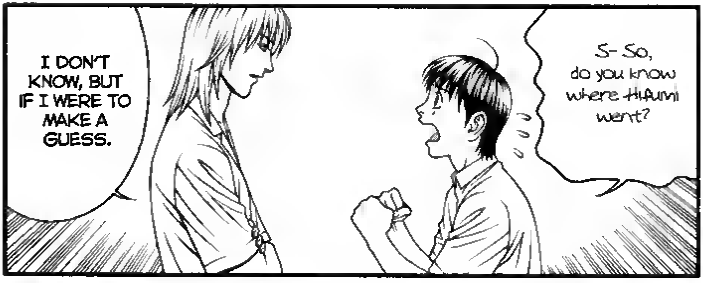
HIFUMI-KUN, GOOD MORNING. I'M COMING IN.
She just caused trouble yesterday, so it would be really bad to be late today

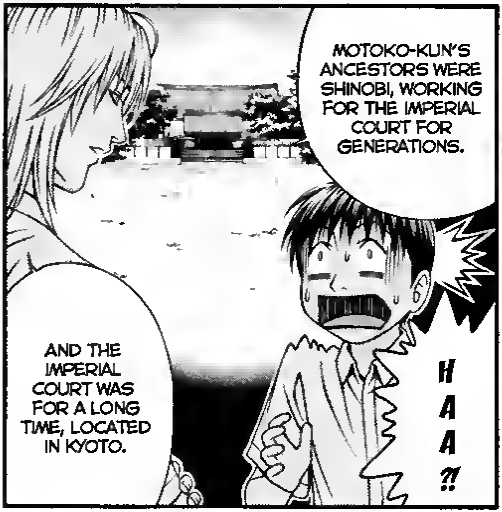

IT LOOKS SOMEWHAT TIDY TODAY...
HUH?
EH ?
WE HAVE SUMMER HOLIDAYS STARTING TOMORROW SO YOU SHOULD ATTEND PROPERLY TOO~

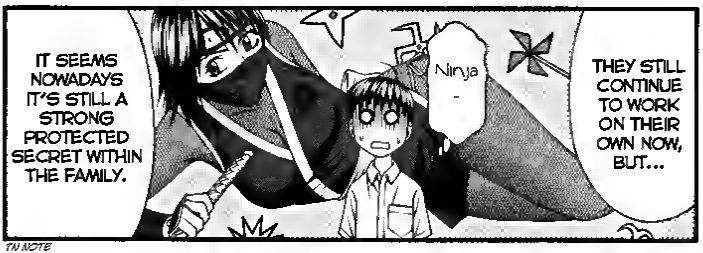
To Kasahegawa
I've no clue when we'll get home, but just stay tight and wait.
Hideki
I WONDER WHERE SHE IS.
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ANYTHING?
WHY?
THAT CAN'T BE—

Do you know something?!
I ALSO THINK THIS WOULD BE FOR THE BEST.
What should I do, Kannami?!
Does yesterday's fight also perhaps have something to do with Motoko-chan's treatment?!
IS IT FINE TO WAIT LIKE SHE WROTE IN THE LETTER ?
I CANNOT SPEAK ABOUT CONTENT OF THE GIRL'S TREATMENT WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN THE PATIENT AND HER FAMILY.
I CAN'T ANSWER THAT. I'M HER THERAPIST, I HAVE A NON-DISCLOSURE OBLIGATION
Tell me, if you know something!
We're friends, right?!
...KOSUKEGAWA.

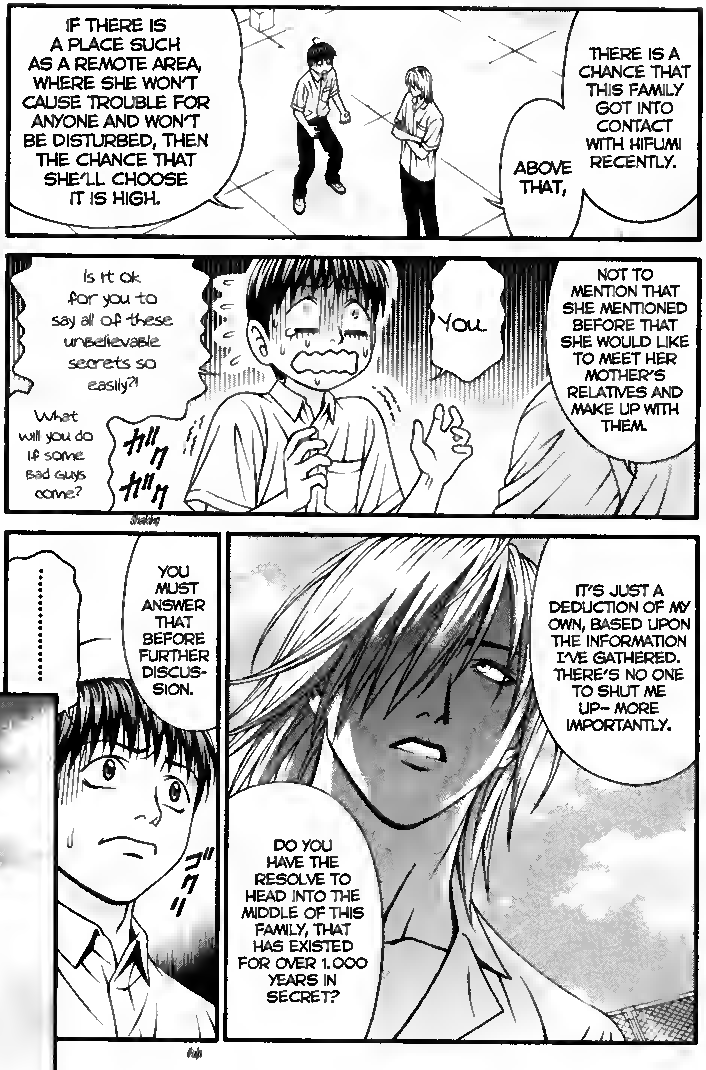
I decided to be at her side, even if I can't do anything!
CAN'T BE HELPED, YOU REALLY PUT SOME THOUGHT INTO THIS.
SO YOU ARE FINE TO HAVE A FRIEND BREAKING THEIR OBLIGATION OF DISCRETION, IF IT IS FOR YOU?
But, I want to be at her side, no matter what!
Eh?!
Y- You are right, sorry.
YOU SHOULD KNOW SOMETHING WHEN I TELL YOU "I CAN'T ANSWER ABOUT ANYTHING RELEATED TO THE GIRL'S TREATMENT."
?
LISTEN, YOU SHOULDN'T EXPECT A CLEAR ANSWER FROM ME BECAUSE OF MY OBLIGATION, BUT-
SO YESTERDAY'S FIGHT IS REALLY RELATED TO HER TREATMENT.
THAT'S RIGHT! I CAN'T ANSWER MEANS 'YES'!







TN NOTE
-YUBA ARE SHEET OF DRIED TOFU
-YATSUHASHI ARE FROM KYOTO MOST OBVIOUSLY AND SOME SWEETS WITH BEAN PASTE.
-THE WOMAN IN PANEL 2 USES ADSTRACT KYOTO DIALECT
-SHINOBI ARE NINJA AND NINJA SHINOBI NINJA IS MORE OF A WESTERNIZED NAME FOR THEM


IF THERE IS A PLACE SUCH AS A REMOTE AREA, WHERE SHE WON'T CAUSE TROUBLE FOR ANYONE AND WON'T BE DISTURBED, THEN THE CHANCE THAT SHE'LL CHOOSE IT IS HIGH.
ABOVE THAT,
THERE IS A CHANCE THAT THIS FAMILY GOT INTO CONTACT WITH HIFUMI RECENTLY.
Is it ok for you to say all of these unbelievable secrets so easily?
What will you do if some bad guys come?
You.
NOT TO MENTION THAT SHE MENTIONED BEFORE THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO MEET HER MOTHER'S RELATIVES AND MAKE UP WITH THEM.
Sukiko
.....
YOU MUST ANSWER THAT BEFORE FURTHER DISCUSSION.
DO YOU HAVE THE RESOLVE TO HEAD INTO THE MIDDLE OF THIS FAMILY, THAT HAS EXISTED FOR OVER 1,000 YEARS IN SECRET?
IT'S JUST A DEDUCTION OF MY OWN, BASED UPON THE INFORMATION I'VE GATHERED. THERE'S NO ONE TO SHUT ME UP-- MORE IMPORTANTLY.
Kei

BUT IT'S ALSO PROBLEMATIC TO SAY THAT I NEED TO LEAVE BECAUSE I WISH TO SEARCH FOR HER
IT WOULD BE BAD TO NOT TELL THEM...
AFTER ALL...
WHAT?
Umm. Mother I have something to say
I'll study for my exams properly, afterwards!
I'm going on a journey!
Ah, but I will contact you daily, so..

Huh?
It's okay?
PLEASE BRING A SOUVENIR.
Don't stop me—
I WAS WORRIED THAT KOSUKEGA WOULD REMAIN ALONE.
AND I ALSO THOUGHT OF VISITING 'DARLING' IN HOKKAIDO.
GINGA-CHAN ALSO SAID THAT SHE'LL STAY AT IZURU-CHAN'S HOUSE,
...WELL, FINE.
HU.
RIGHT, I HAVE TO CONTACT DARLING THAT WE CAN SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER, JUST THE TWO OF US. ♡
Pi
Pi
SO YOU ARE MORE WORRIED ABOUT THE HOUSE.
YEAH. ♡
IT WOULD BE BAD IF THE GARBAGE PILED UP AND BEGIN TO ROT,
AND IT WOULD ALSO BE BAD, IF A FIRE WERE TO BREAK OUT-

WE'LL GO THROUGH SPECIAL TRAINING TO BECOME STRONGER, SO WAIT. ♡
THANKS.
OKAY, THEN CONTACT US WHEN YOU FIND HIFUMI.
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OKAY.
I'll be leaving now.
OKAY... ♡ TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
IF YOU MEAN MONEY, THEN IT'S ALRIGHT, I HAVE MY WAGE FROM MY PART TIME JOB.
Don't need it.
?
TAKE THIS WITH YOU.
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THINGS A YOUNG MAN NEEDS FOR SAFE JOURNEY.
THERE IS ALSO A SMALL, WHITE CANE MADE OUT OF CYPRESS WOOD.
What's that?

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BUT I HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE, SO I SHOULD CONSIDER CAREFULLY BEFORE SPENDING IT.
THE LATE NIGHT BUS IS REALLY THE CHEAPEST. NOW I HAVE 90,000 YEN REMAINING. ♡
IT'S RISKY TO CARRY EVERY-THING TOGETHER, SO I'LL KEEP MY PART TIME JOB MONEY AND MY WALLET SEPARATE.
KYO
ゴオオオ
I'LL BE IN KYOTO, TOMORROW MORNING!

WE HAVE A THRITY MINUTE TOILET BREAK, IF YOU NEED IT.
Ah, yes.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
!?
HEY, YOU!
YOU.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I DIDN'T EAT DINNER... QUITE SOME TIME SINCE I LAST ATE.
HUUU, THAT WAS QUITE DANGER-OUS.
ﾊﾞﾀﾞ...
DELICIOUS.

RIGHT, I'LL BUY SOME TEA FOR MY SITTING NEIGHBOUR AS THANKS.
S44103
ゴオオニ
HUH?
AH! MY BACKPACK...
The bus is gone.
Although there are ten minutes left

THE MONEY IS GONE!
CRACK
Gone
Gone!
It can't be
ゴトン

CHANGE 123

RAW PROVIDER: KAJII
TRANSLATOR: KUROKAMI
PROOFREADER: SOLOWING
CLEANER: KAJII & RECKLESSMINDS
TYPESETTER: PROZESS
Q-CER: ZERODC

Case53 : **Dwelling on Memories**

11 静岡 13km
12 焼津 2
名古屋 180
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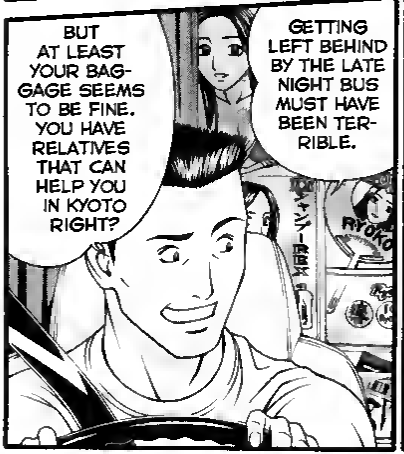
THANKS FOR GIVING ME A RIDE, YOU REALLY SAVED ME.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. YAIZU IS WHERE I NEEDED TO GO ANYWAY.


GETTING LEFT BEHIND BY THE LATE NIGHT BUS MUST HAVE BEEN TERRIBLE.
BUT AT LEAST YOUR BAGGAGE SEEMS TO BE FINE. YOU HAVE RELATIVES THAT CAN HELP YOU IN KYOTO RIGHT?
RYOKO

I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD BE STUCK IN THAT SERVICE AREA....
IT'S GREAT THAT I WAS ABLE TO GET BACK ON THE HIGHWAY.
ギュッ.
Clench.

IT WOULD GET TROUBLE-SOME IF I WENT TO THE POLICE AND THEY FOUND OUT THAT I'M A MINOR TRAVELING ALONE.
IS THAT GIRL IN THE PICTURE YOUR DAUGHTER?
Y- yes, umm.
I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP ON MY STOLEN MONEY.

SHE'LL LOOK EVEN MORE LIKE HER IN THE FUTURE.
YEAH! SHE REALLY RESEMBLES THE IDOL SAEKI RYOKO, RIGHT?!
Aah, that's her. Over there.
RYOKO-CHAN IS JUST LIKE MY DAUGHTER! I WILL CHEER FOR HER WITH ALL I'VE GOT! ♡
RYOKO
LONG BLACK HAIR, SLIM LEGS AND FEET, JUST THE BEST!
SHE'S BEEN IN A LOT OF COMMER-CIALS THIS YEAR.
EX シャンプー REX
LOVE RYOKO
Ryoko
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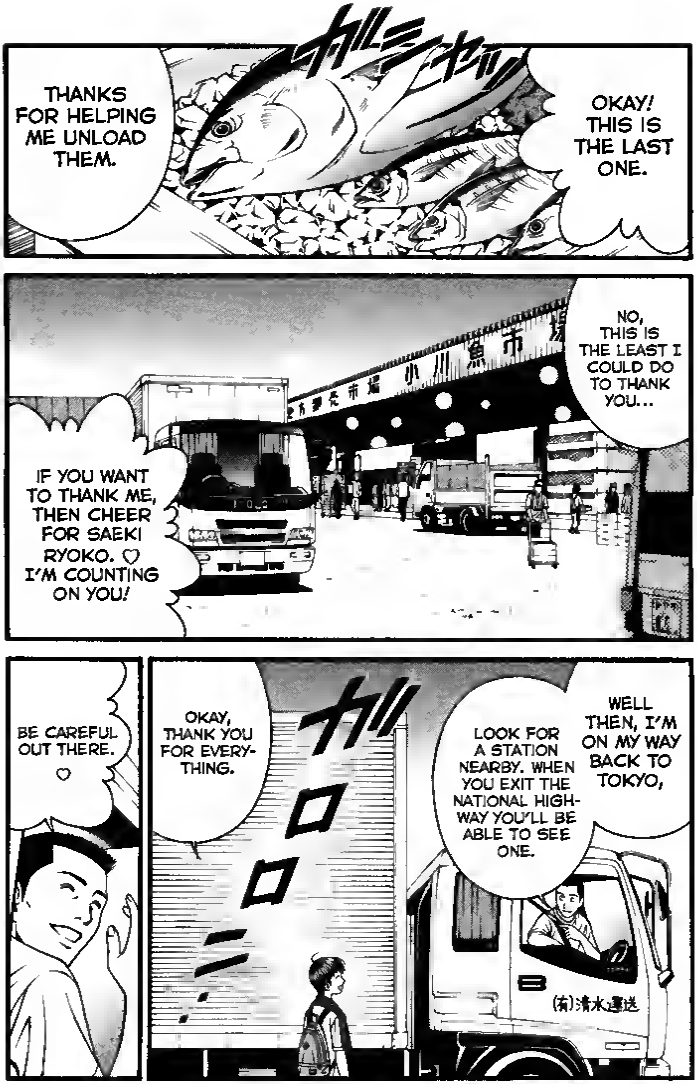
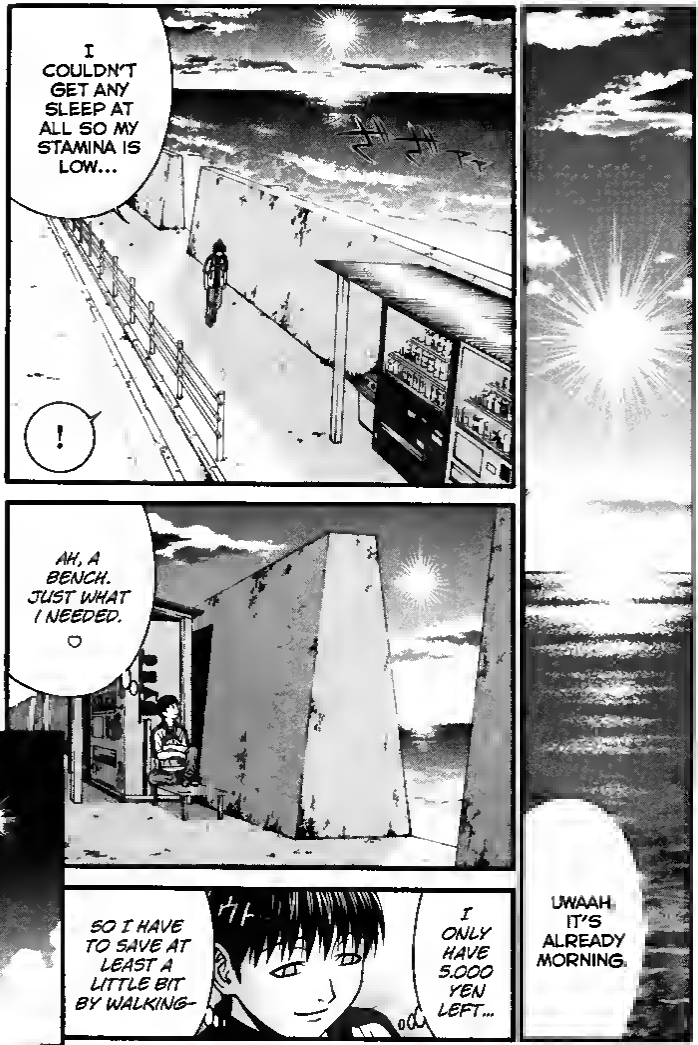
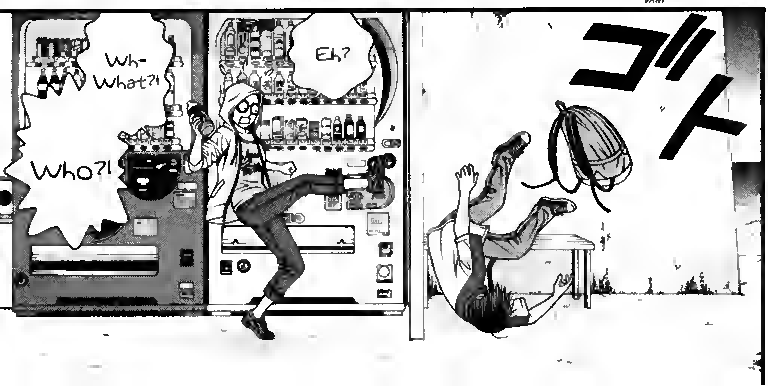
I ♡ RyoKo
RYOKO RYOKO


OKAY! THIS IS THE LAST ONE.
THANKS FOR HELPING ME UNLOAD THEM.
NO, THIS IS THE LEAST I COULD DO TO THANK YOU...
IF YOU WANT TO THANK ME, THEN CHEER FOR SAEKI RYOKO. ♡ I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
WELL THEN, I'M ON MY WAY BACK TO TOKYO,
LOOK FOR A STATION NEARBY. WHEN YOU EXIT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE ONE.
OKAY, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.
BE CAREFUL OUT THERE. ♡
(有)清水運送


I COULDN'T GET ANY SLEEP AT ALL SO MY STAMINA IS LOW...
!
AH, A BENCH. JUST WHAT I NEEDED.
UWAAH. IT'S ALREADY MORNING.
I ONLY HAVE 5,000 YEN LEFT...
SO I HAVE TO SAVE AT LEAST A LITTLE BIT BY WALKING-

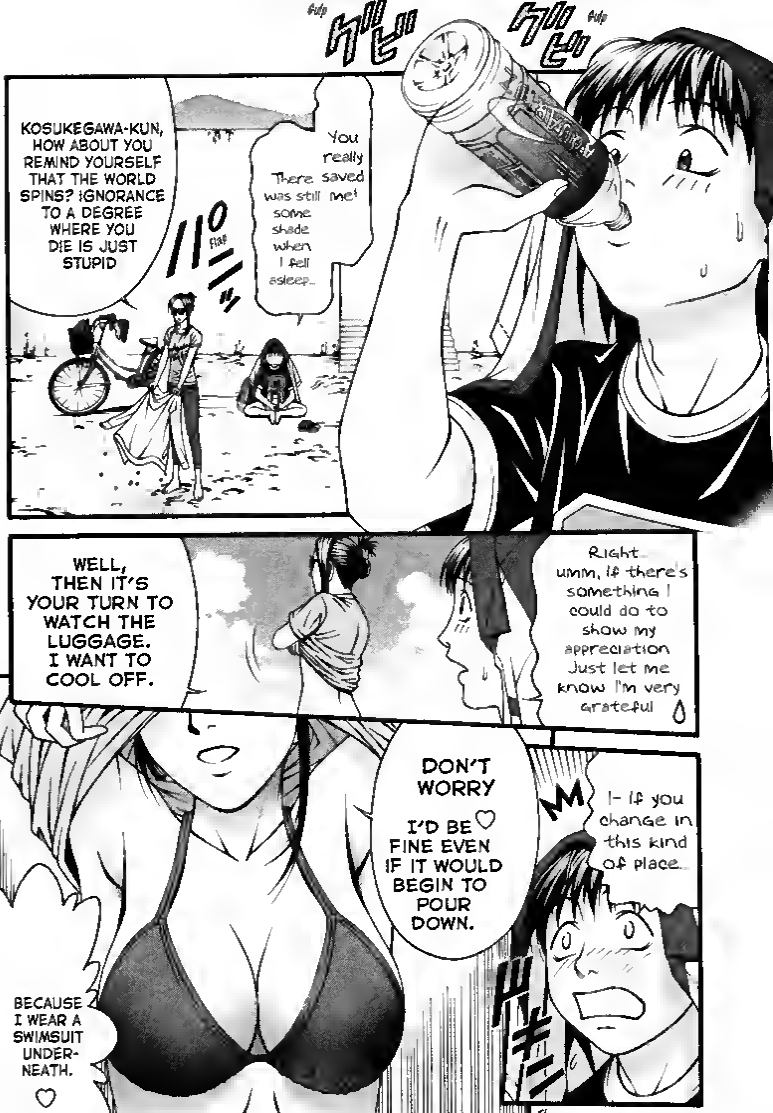
BAM
gulp, gulp
rattle
PUH
So hot!
WHAT?! YOU'RE CUTTING IT?
YOU PLAN TO THROW YOUR BIGGEST SALES ASSET AWAY?!

I WONDER WHEN I became DISAPPOINTED IN ADULTS.



No response... It seems to be just a corpse.
I... I FOUND A CORPSE!
WH- WHAT SHOULD I DO. I'M TRAVELING ALONE RIGHT NOW...
!
COULD HE BE STILL ALIVE? THEN THIS...
...IS A HEAT STROKE!
DON'T DIE!
タッ タッ タッ タッ
Running

Rise
AH?
AH~
THAT FEELS SO GOOD.
AFTER HAVING BEEN LOCKED UP IN THAT SAUNA!
Pain.
PUHA!
Shiok
and shine
Somehow Kosukegawa resumed breathing.
tell I
Ho
E-H?
Why am I in the ocean...?
HMM, SO YOU'RE ALSO TRAVELING ALONE.


Gulp
ゲビ
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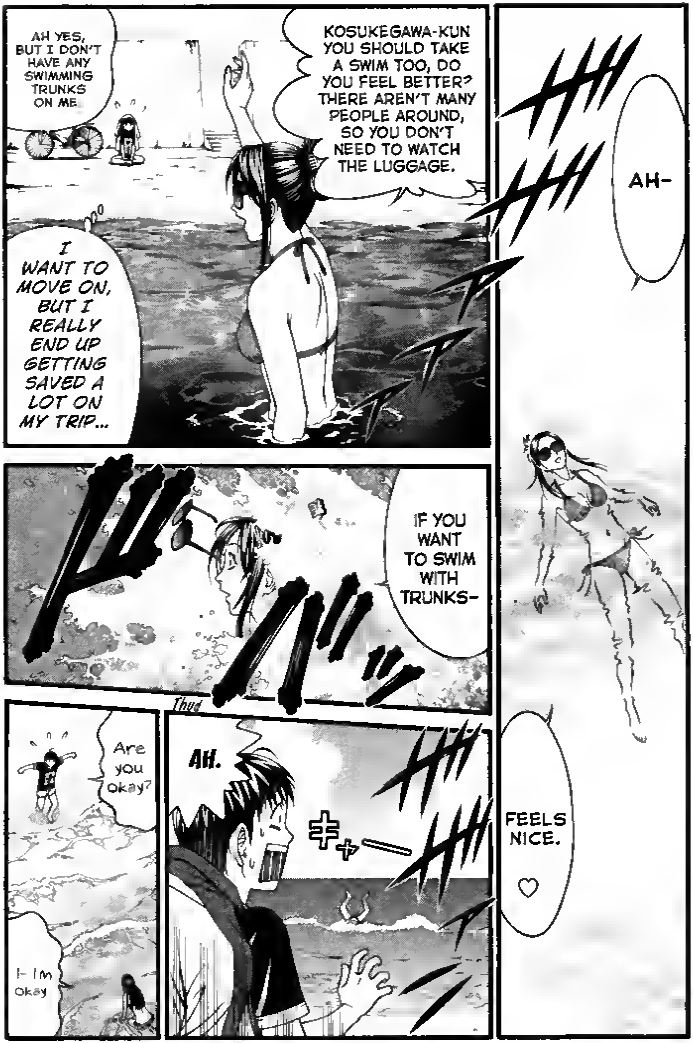
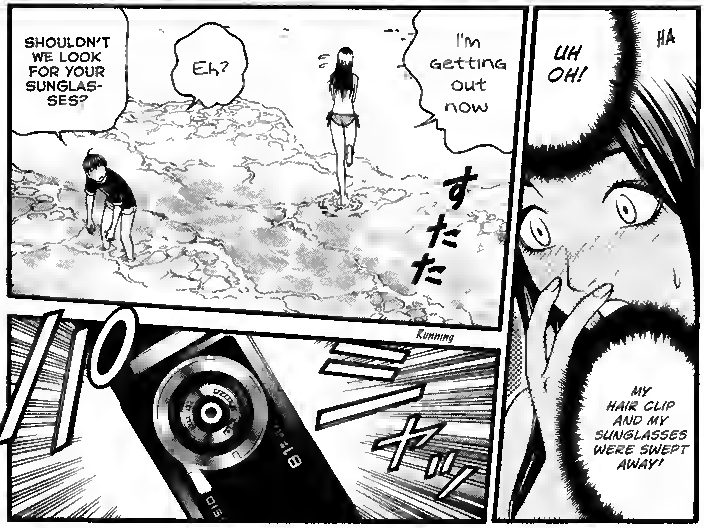
Gulp
You really saved me! There was still some shade when I fell asleep...
KOSUKEGAWA-KUN, HOW ABOUT YOU REMIND YOURSELF THAT THE WORLD SPINS? IGNORANCE TO A DEGREE WHERE YOU DIE IS JUST STUPID
Right... umm, if there's something I could do to show my appreciation Just let me know I'm very grateful
WELL, THEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO WATCH THE LUGGAGE. I WANT TO COOL OFF.
M
I- If you change in this kind of place...
DON'T WORRY
I'D BE FINE EVEN IF IT WOULD BEGIN TO POUR DOWN.
BECAUSE I WEAR A SWIMSUIT UNDER-NEATH.
Thump

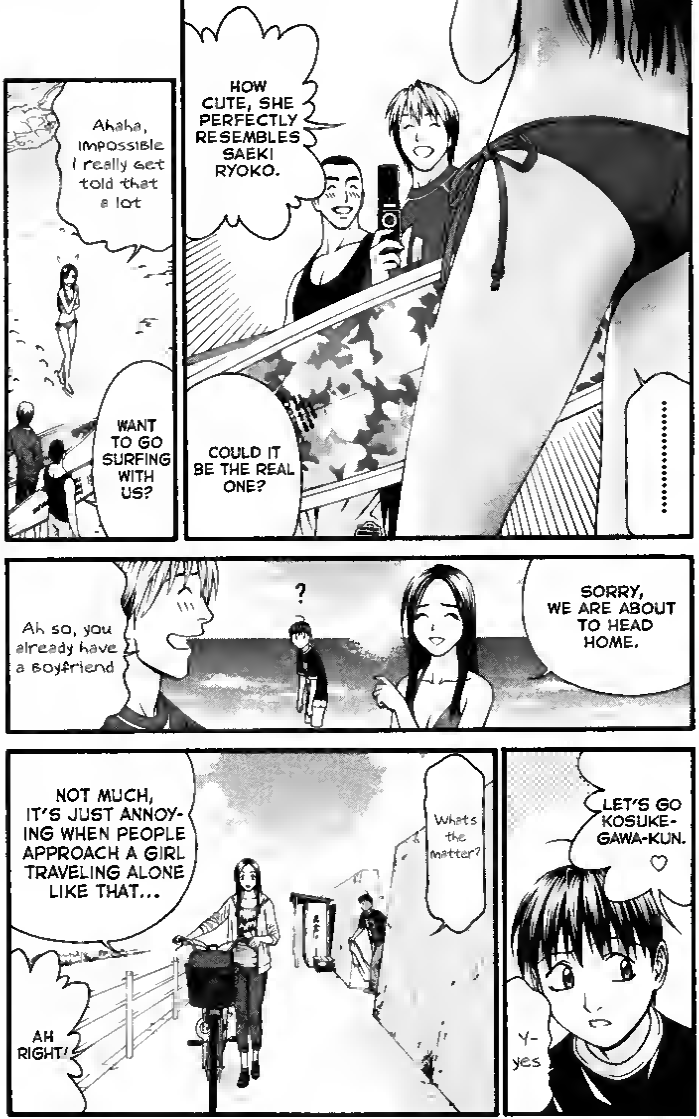
Was Koizumi-san there?!
NO!
I never would have expected for this to happen
Visual
Impact
To Koizumi-san, Yamashita-san.
I'm getting a haircut after all?!!
SHE NEVER TAKES ANY TIME OFF EXCEPT FOR NEW YEARS SO PROBABLY JUST SOME SHOPPING
Shock
YAMASHITA! IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE BEAUTY SALON SHE FREQUENTS!
Y-YES!
THAT SOUNDS OPTIMISTIC, BUT SHE IS EXTREMELY STUBBORN...
!!

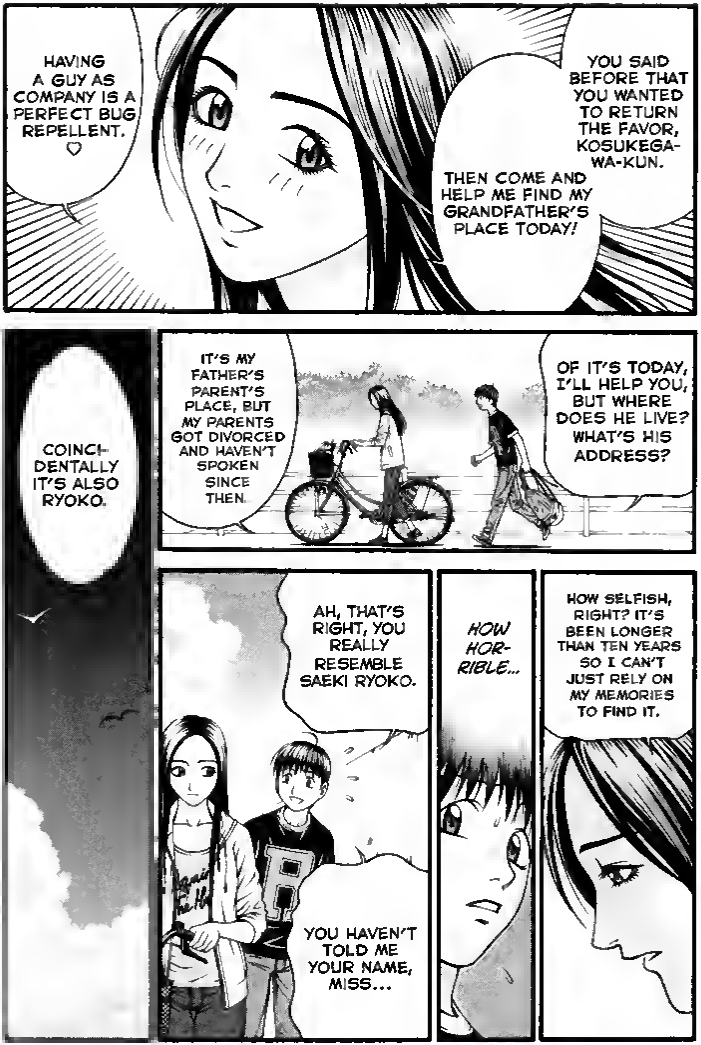

AH YES, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY SWIMMING TRUNKS ON ME.
KOSUKEGAWA-KUN YOU SHOULD TAKE A SWIM TOO, DO YOU FEEL BETTER? THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE AROUND, SO YOU DON'T NEED TO WATCH THE LUGGAGE.
I WANT TO MOVE ON, BUT I REALLY END UP GETTING SAVED A LOT ON MY TRIP...
AH-
IF YOU WANT TO SWIM WITH TRUNKS-
Thud
Are you okay?
I-Im okay
AH.
FEELS NICE.
KYAH

Kyah!
!!
Boing
I didn't
くぜーげけ
REALLY.
Y- you saw?!
Shaking head.
Blush

Emotionally moved



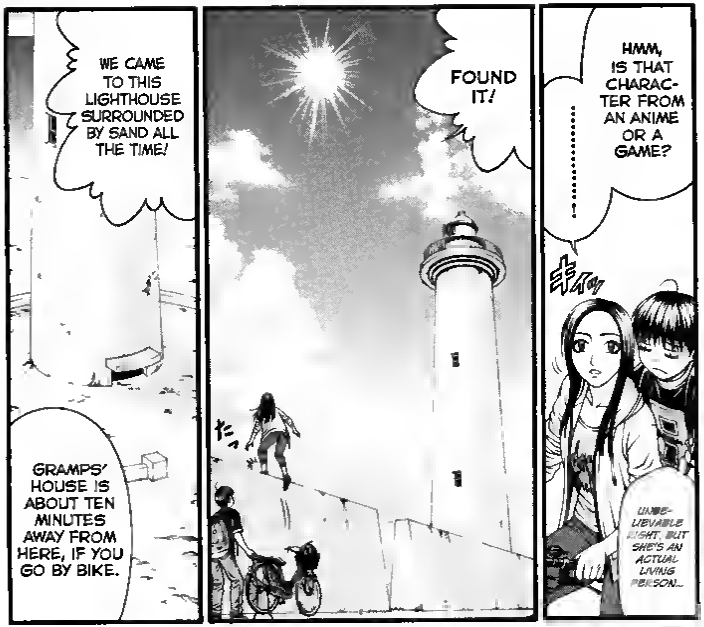

Ahaha, impossible I really get told that a lot
HOW CUTE, SHE PERFECTLY RESEMBLES SAEKI RYOKO.
WANT TO GO SURFING WITH US?
COULD IT BE THE REAL ONE?
.....
Ah so, you already have a boyfriend
?
SORRY, WE ARE ABOUT TO HEAD HOME.
NOT MUCH, IT'S JUST ANNOYING WHEN PEOPLE APPROACH A GIRL TRAVELING ALONE LIKE THAT...
AH RIGHT
What's the matter?
LET'S GO KOSUKE-GAWA-KUN. ♡
Y-yes


HAVING A GUY AS COMPANY IS A PERFECT BUG REPELLENT. ♡
YOU SAID BEFORE THAT YOU WANTED TO RETURN THE FAVOR, KOSUKEGA-WA-KUN.
THEN COME AND HELP ME FIND MY GRANDFATHER'S PLACE TODAY!
COINCI-DENTALLY IT'S ALSO RYOKO.
IT'S MY FATHER'S PARENT'S PLACE, BUT MY PARENTS GOT DIVORCED AND HAVEN'T SPOKEN SINCE THEN.
OF IT'S TODAY, I'LL HELP YOU, BUT WHERE DOES HE LIVE? WHAT'S HIS ADDRESS?
AH, THAT'S RIGHT, YOU REALLY RESEMBLE SAEKI RYOKO.
YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME YOUR NAME, MISS...
HOW HOR-RIBLE...
HOW SELFISH, RIGHT? IT'S BEEN LONGER THAN TEN YEARS SO I CAN'T JUST RELY ON MY MEMORIES TO FIND IT.

KOIZUMI-SAN, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
AKIHIKO
DAMN! SHE HASN'T GONE TO HER MOTHER, YAMASHITA! DON'T PLAY WITH THE COMPUTER.
AND JUST FOUND THIS--
I WONDERED IF THERE WAS MAYBE SOME INFORMATION FROM AN EYEWITNESS CONCERNING RYOKO AND BEGAN A SEARCH--
Haa?
CLICK
!!
ISN'T THAT ACTUALLY RYOKO?! GREAT, SHE STILL HASN'T CUT HER HAIR.
AS IF I'D KNOW! WE'RE GOING TO YAIZU. GET THE CAR.
BUT WHY IS SHE IN YAIZU... IS THERE SOME FAMOUS BEAUTICIAN OVER THERE?

HEY WAIT! YOU'RE ALREADY EXHAUSTED? ISN'T IT ONLY NOON?!
Puke~~~
OTAKU ARE USELESS.
No, I don't! Not all Otaku are the same!
HEHE- IT'S MY FIRST TIME SPEAKING DIRECTLY WITH AN OTAKU! ♡
DO YOU REALLY GO TO MAID CAFES AND COSPLAY?
Huff Huff Huff
Roll
You say that but,
I am just a meager
Otaku
IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN AN HOUR.

I ALSO HAVE TO HURRY ACTUALLY...
YOU HAVE THE ENTIRE SUMMER TO TRAVEL ON YOUR OWN, BUT I DON'T HAVE THAT LUXURY!
I'LL DO THE PEDALING SO YOU LOOK CAREFULLY FOR THE HOUSE!
Roll
I- I'm sorry
CAN'T BE HELPED, RIGHT?!
Roll
NO... NOT LIKE THAT
SAEKI RYOKO RIGHT?
...SOMEHOW YOU SEEM SIMILAR TO A PERSON I KNOW.
BUT I THINK THE FEMALE TRAITS OF RYOKO-SAN ARE MISSING
IS IT HER TEMPERAMENT? A ONE TRACK MIND, MOVING FORWARD WITH ALL HER MIGHT-
A RECKLESS, BUT STRAIGHTFORWARD AND GOOD PERSON.
USING THE WATER SLIDE UNTIL IT IS SCRUBBED ENOUGH TO RIP...
FIGHTING YAKUZA OR MERCENARIES,
Smile



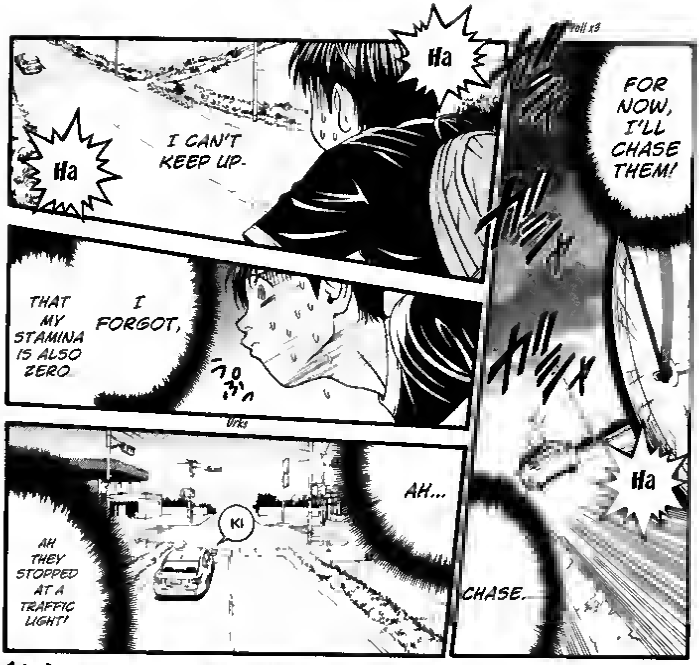
TL NOTE: THEY ARE ALSO KNOWN AS ZELKOVA TREES

crickets
crickets
THIS PLACE HAS ALSO CHANGED A LOT, SO I CAN'T FIND ANY HINTS...
THEY ALL HAVE SHIMIZU AS A SURNAME.
IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT WITH JUST THAT BIT OF INFO. ISN'T THERE ANYTHING ELSE?
This is bad, the sun is setting now
THEN LET'S SPLIT UP FOR NOW AND SEARCH.
OK

Black
?
Screech
FINALLY FOUND YOU!
Calm down chief she hasn't cut her hair yet
YOU WERE REALLY JUST GOING ON A SHORT JOURNEY, RIGHT? KYOKO-CHAN. ♡
Black
I'M SORRY, YAMASHITA-SAN
I DECIDED A LONG TIME AGO THAT I'D CUT MY HAIR ONCE I TURNED TWENTY YEARS.
I REALLY CAME HERE TO GET A HAIRCUT.

It's true that you had your birthday yesterday, but you don't need to cut it right now
HAIR-CUT... WHAT?
ARE THOSE PEOPLE ACQUAINTANCES?
AH... LET ME GO-
Grab
THAT'S TOTALLY UNRELATED! THAT HAIR DOESN'T BELONG ONLY TO YOU ANYMORE!
COME!
Wham
Kyah!
BE QUIET AND GET IN
BHP GOTTA BE KIDDING...
A KIDNAPPING?!

IF ONLY HIFUMI WERE HERE-
.....
AAHI
Vroom
Speed
HA
HA
HA
Kuh
Kuh
Kuh
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS!
EVEN THOUGH MY BATTLE POWER IS ZERO...


Trail x3
Ha
I CAN'T KEEP UP.
Ha
FOR NOW, I'LL CHASE THEM!
I FORGOT, THAT MY STAMINA IS ALSO ZERO.
Ha
Urks
AH...
KI
AH THEY STOPPED AT A TRAFFIC LIGHT!
CHASE.

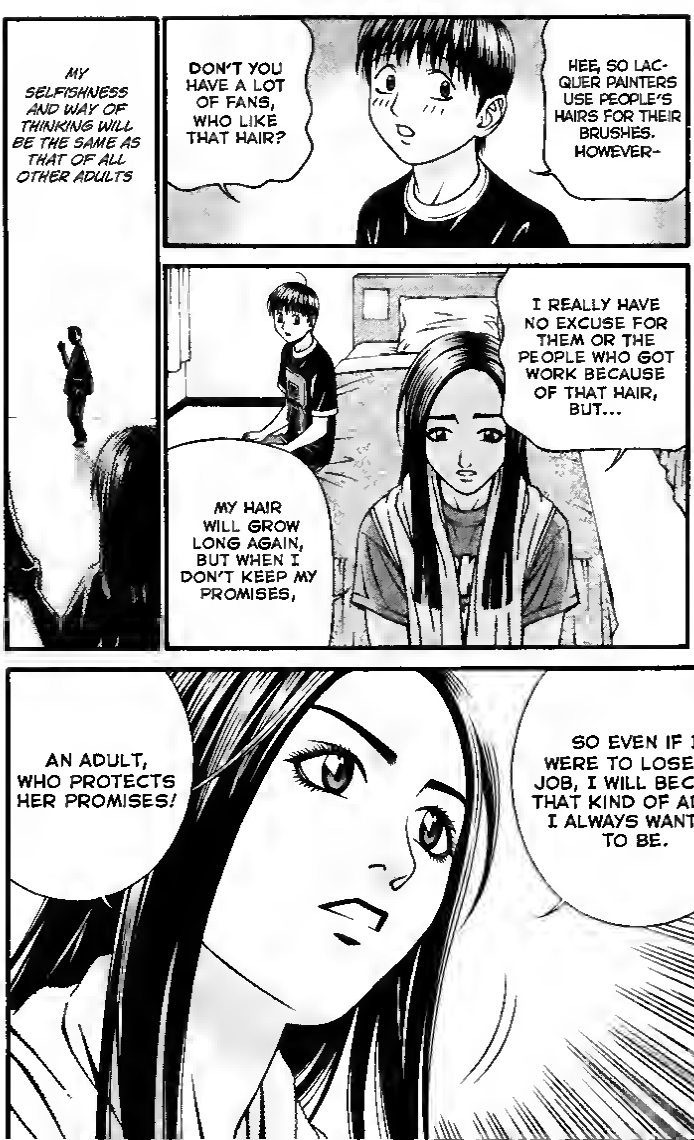
Grab
!
Struggle
Struggle
Struggle
KID! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW!

Puke
UGYAH! YAMASHITA, DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIM!
UNABLE TO FIGHT
PUKED IN REACTION
Click
LET'S RUN AWAY!
RIGHT.
DID YOU SEE THAT? USING LACK OF STAMINA FOR SOMETHING GOOD!
Dash

SOMEHOW WE MANAGED TO GET AWAY BUT WE CERTAINLY CAME QUITE DEEP INTO TOWN.
Can't be helped if we run away in an open area we'll get spotted immediately
Furthermore the sun is already down and it's impossible to continue with our search today
More importantly what's this about a haircut? Who were those people?
MY MANAGER. AFTER I SAID THAT I WOULD CUT MY HAIR HE WAS EXTREMELY AGAINST IT.
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT CLUB ACTIVITIES?
YOU ARE SO DENSE. SUCH A CLICHED SETTING DOESN'T EXIST NOWADAYS.
I'M THE REAL SAEKI RYOKO.

B- But you see, I'm a guy!
SORRY FOR GETTING YOU IN-VOLVED
IF I STAY HERE AS A SINGLE WOMAN, THE MANAGER WILL IMMEDIATELY GET WIND OF IT AND COME HERE
OH, AN OTAKU HAS NO INTEREST IN 3D GIRLS RIGHT?
MAKING A TROUBLED FACE AGAIN, KOSUKEGA-WA-KUN ? THE BATH IS FREE NOW.
KAIZU CENTRAE HOTEL
This is Bad! An idol enters a hotel with a guy!
EVEN THOUGH YOU WANT TO CUT IT?
FURTHER-MORE, I SWAM IN THE OCEAN TODAY SO I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF MY HAIR. ♡
I JUST THOUGHT THAT YOUR HAIR WAS BLACK, BUT YOU ALSO HAVE A HINT OF RED IN IT
The hair?
WE'VE REALLY REACHED A WONDERFUL RESULT.

PAINT BRUSHES?
YES... THE RED HAIR STRAINS WILL MAKE FOR GREAT PAINT BRUSHES.
MY GRANDFATHER IS NOW ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING, FAMOUS LACQUER PAINTING SPECIALISTS.
YOU REALLY HAVE GREAT, SMOOTH, SILKY, THIN HAIR, RYOKO.
IF I WERE TO MAKE A BRUSH OUT OF IT, IT WOULD BE A REAL GEM FOR SURE.
THEN I WILL USE THE HAIR
AND THE TREE I PLANTED WHEN YOU WERE BORN,
AND PRODUCE THE BEST BRIDAL GIFTS.
THEN, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU WHEN I'M AN ADULT AND IT IS LONG ENOUGH.
REALLY?! IT'S A PROMISE.
Clink
YES! I PROMISE.

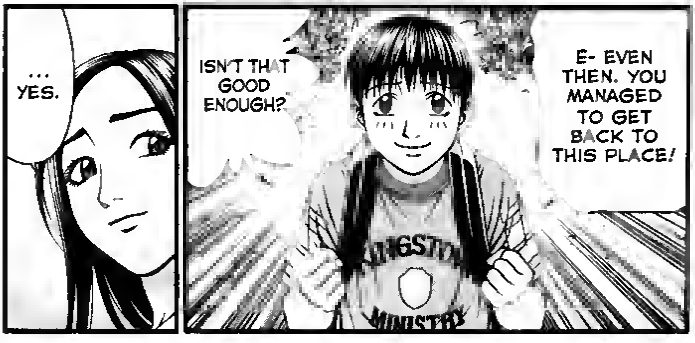

MY SELFISHNESS AND WAY OF THINKING WILL BE THE SAME AS THAT OF ALL OTHER ADULTS
DON'T YOU HAVE A LOT OF FANS, WHO LIKE THAT HAIR?
HEE, SO LACQUER PAINTERS USE PEOPLE'S HAIRS FOR THEIR BRUSHES. HOWEVER-
I REALLY HAVE NO EXCUSE FOR THEM OR THE PEOPLE WHO GOT WORK BECAUSE OF THAT HAIR, BUT...
MY HAIR WILL GROW LONG AGAIN, BUT WHEN I DON'T KEEP MY PROMISES,
AN ADULT, WHO PROTECTS HER PROMISES!
SO EVEN IF I WERE TO LOSE MY JOB, I WILL BECOME THAT KIND OF ADULT I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE.

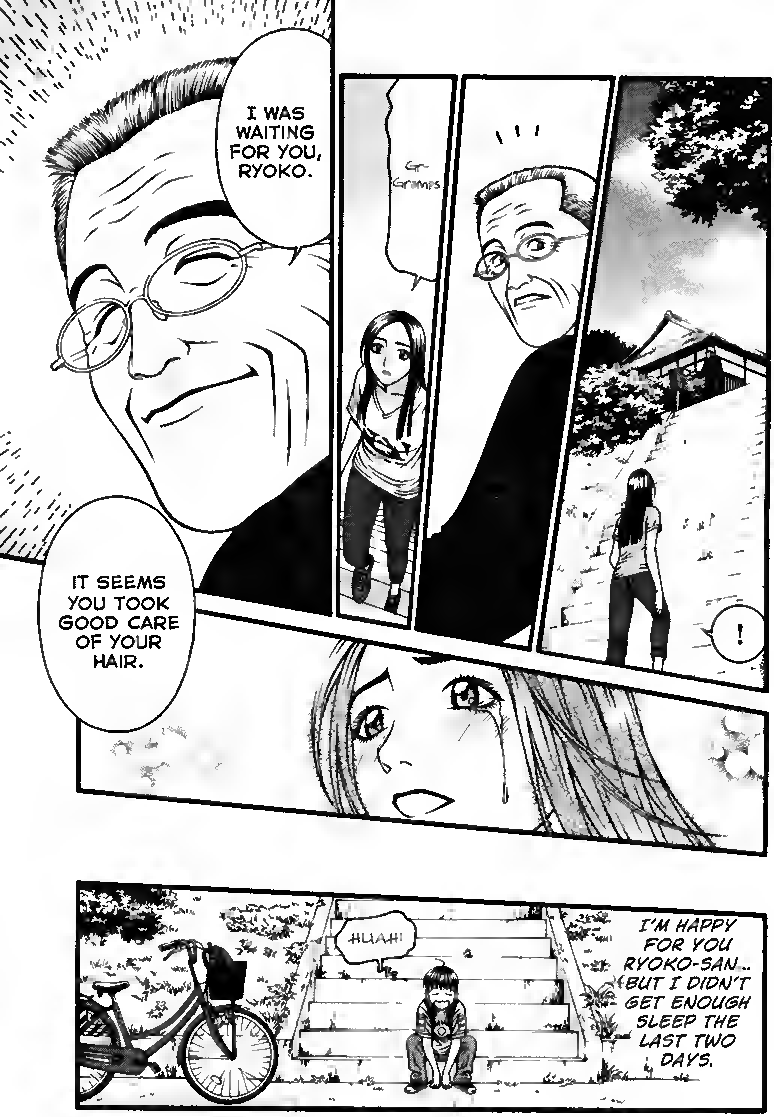
I WILL HELP YOU TOMORROW AS WELL!
EH?
KOSUKEGA-WA-KUN YOU CAN CONTINUE WITH YOUR JOURNEY. I'LL SEARCH ALONE TO-MORROW...
SHE REALLY IS LIKE HIBIKI-KUN, HATING TO REGRET HAVING DONE NOTHING ABOVE ANY-THING ELSE.
WOULDN'T THAT TREE ALSO HAVE GROWN BIG IN THOSE PAST TEN YEARS?
AH!
BUT, WE REALLY NEED MORE INFORMATION, A SMALL KEYAKI TREE IS...
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT KEYAKI TREES, BUT I'M SURE I SAW A LARGE TREE NEXT TO STAIRS!
Y- yes, it would.
Z
O- Okay
LET'S GET SOME SLEEP NOW!
R- really?! Then let's go check it out immediately tomorrow

SO, THEN I WILL WAIT HERE.
.....
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

YES, HERE! ♡

I'm a bit scared What if gramps forgot, turned senile,
or worse already died...

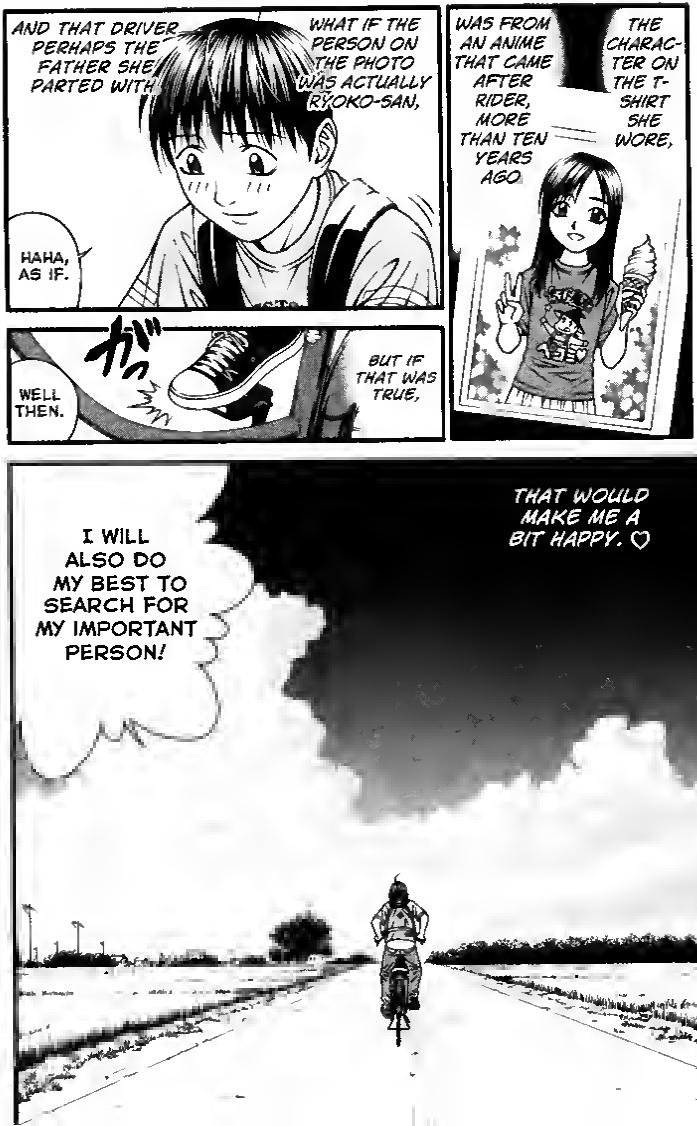

... YES.
ISN'T THAT GOOD ENOUGH?
E- EVEN THEN. YOU MANAGED TO GET BACK TO THIS PLACE!


I WAS WAITING FOR YOU, RYOKO.
Gr Grmmrs
!
IT SEEMS YOU TOOK GOOD CARE OF YOUR HAIR.
HUAH!
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU RYOKO-SAN.. BUT I DIDN'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP THE LAST TWO DAYS.

Raise
PLEASE, LET HER HAVE HER WILL!
THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR ME!
STOP KIDDING ME, YOU BRAT!
Step
FINALLY FOUND YOU! THAT GUY.
Ah
WHERE'S RYOKO? WHERE'S SHE?!

THANKS KOSUKEGAWA-KUN, I...
FULFILLED MY PROMISE. ♡

EH?! REALLY?! THANK YOU!
YOU CAN KEEP THE BIKE.
I HAVE SOME WORK IN THE AFTERNOON, SO I'LL GET SOME REST NOW.
Kosukegawa obtained a bike.
!
!!
THIS MIGHT SUIT HER QUITE WELL
BYE!
TAKE CAUTION OF THE SUN ON YOUR WAY TO KYOTO!
THE GIRL ON THAT PHOTO OF THE DRIVER WHO HAD HELPED ME...
ブオオン..
..TRUE


AND THAT DRIVER PERHAPS THE FATHER SHE PARTED WITH
WHAT IF THE PERSON ON THE PHOTO WAS ACTUALLY RYOKO-SAN,
HAHA, AS IF.
THE CHARACTER ON THE T-SHIRT SHE WORE,
WAS FROM AN ANIME THAT CAME AFTER RIDER, MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO.
BUT IF THAT WAS TRUE,
WELL THEN.
THAT WOULD MAKE ME A BIT HAPPY. ♡
I WILL ALSO DO MY BEST TO SEARCH FOR MY IMPORTANT PERSON!

CHANGE 123

RAW PROVIDER: KAJII
TRANSLATOR: KUROKAMI
PROOFREADER: SOLOWING
CLEANER: RECKLESSMINDS & ARCHKNIGHT
TYPESETTER: PROZESS
Q-CER: ZERODC

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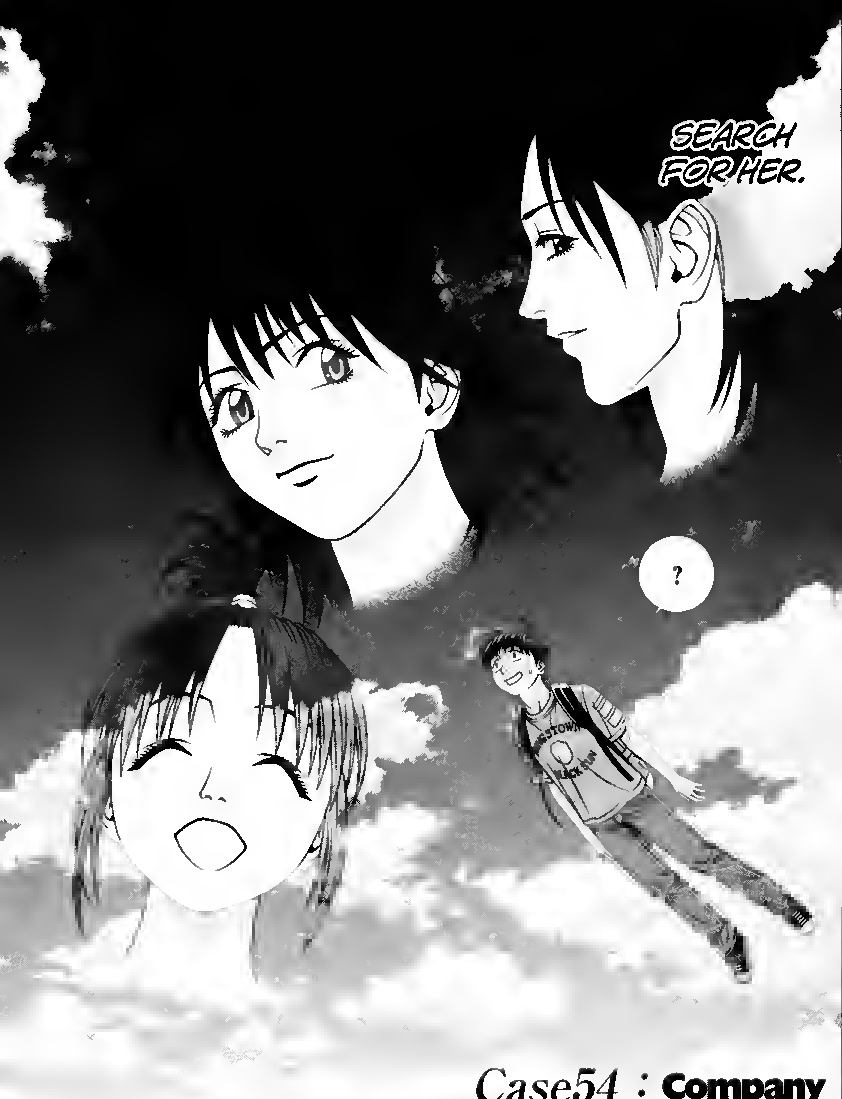


Case54 : Company

WELL THEN, I AM OFF. ♡
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT MOTOKO-CHAN THIS YEAR SO I CAN'T COME OVER TO PLAY.
KURUMA TAKEZOU-SAMA
TOUCHAN-SAMA.
DEAR...
.....
WHY DON'T YOU GO VISIT HER IF YOU'RE SO WORRIED?
THE POST-MARK ON THE LETTER IS FROM KYOTO.

IF IT WERE JUST MIKIRI AND HIBIKI TRYING TO COME UP WITH A WAY TO GET MOTOKO BACK I'D BE WORRIED. BUT FUJIKO IS THERE WITH THEM AS WELL.
AS A PARENT, I HAVE TO JUST TRUST HER AND WAIT WHEN SHE PUTS IT LIKE THAT.
Angry
HOW ANNOYING.
AND GET SOME WORK DONE?
WELL IF YOU'VE DECIDED TO WAIT, HOW ABOUT TAKING THE SATELLITE PHONE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND GOING TO GET SOME WORK DONE?
THERE'S THAT TUITION FEE FROM COMMANDER JIN.
And then telling me to train them so they can useful at least a little bit
Sending me that money and those foreigners without warning.
ドカ!!!

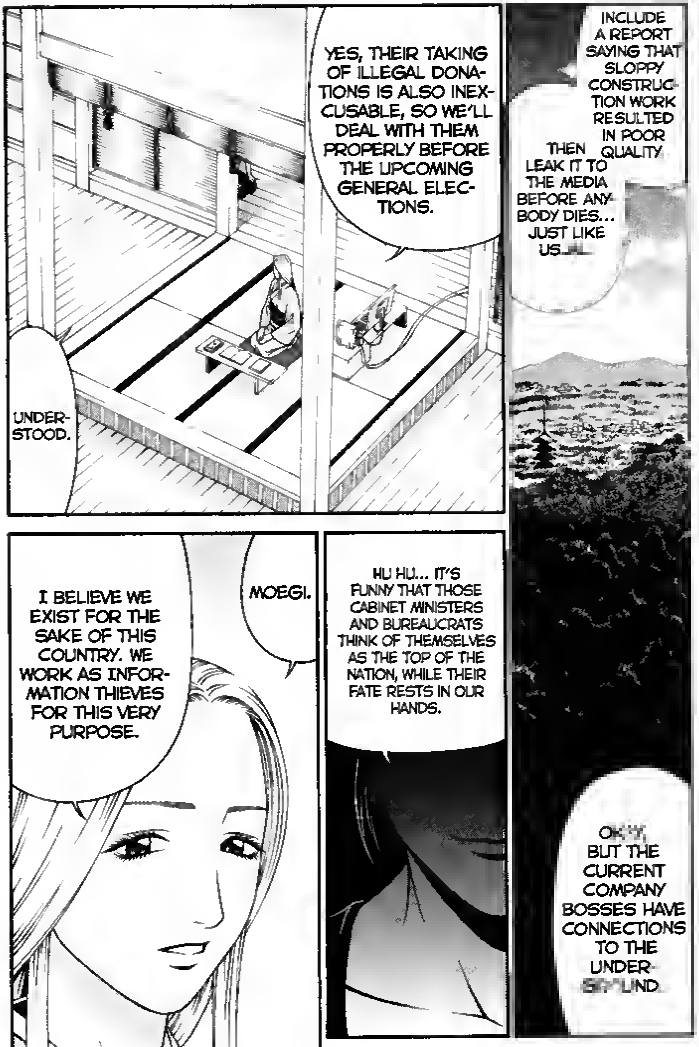
Huff Huff
Passed out
Thud
Down
BUT.
IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT THEY'VE ONLY GONE TO JU-JUTSU TRAINING ONCE PER WEEK AT THE PREFECTURE'S POLICE HQ.
IF YOU MAKE ONE WRONG STEP IN JIN'S JOB YOU'RE JUST A TERRORIST.
Visual
THEY CAN'T EVEN STAND UP TO TWO LITTLE GIRLS, HOW MANY YEARS WILL THIS TAKE...?
Impact

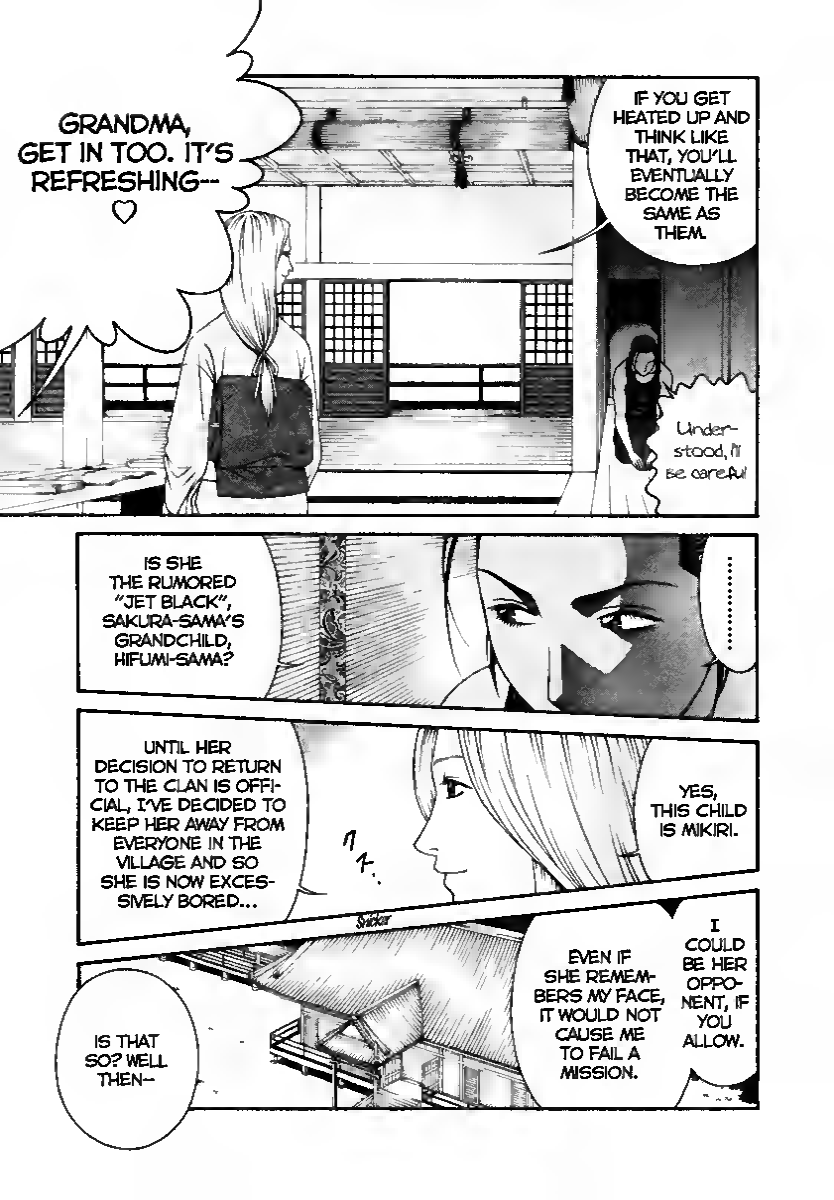
*TN NOTE: CUTE FORM FOR OLD MAN

...HOWEVER EVEN WITH THIS, YOU'LL STILL NEED TO GO TWO ON ONE AGAINST ZERO.
WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN LEARNING NEW TECHNIQUES RIGHT NOW...
IS FOR YOU... GUYS IS TO SHARPEN THE SKILLS YOU ALREADY POSSESS.
IZURU, THIS IS GREAT. I FEEL SO LIGHT!
Jumping
DID YOU GET IN CONTACT WITH THE KID?
WE'LL THINK ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO WHEN WE GET THERE.
THANKS! WE'LL BE LEAVING FOR KYOTO NOW.
KANNAMI-SAN ALSO SAID THAT KOSUKEGAWA-SAN'S CELL-PHONE STOPPED FUNCTIONING 2 DAYS AGO...
NO, THAT'S WHY WE'RE WORRIED. IT'S ALREADY BEEN A WEEK SINCE HE BEGAN HIS JOURNEY.

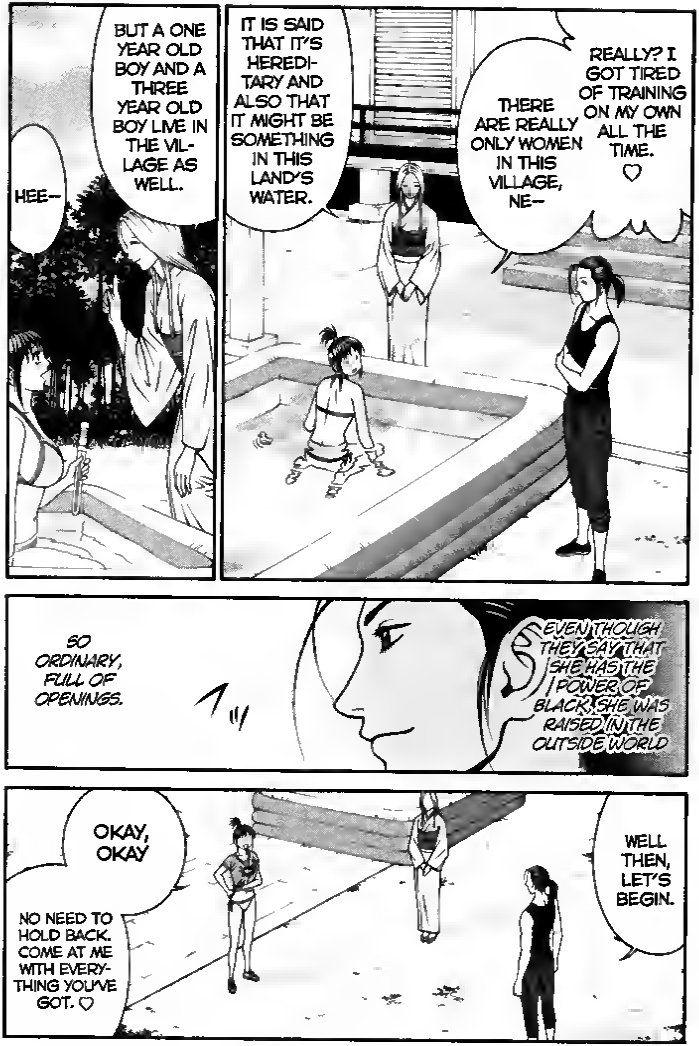
I really don't know if that kid has good luck or bad luck, anymore.
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MOTOKO AND THE REST FOR ME.
RIGHT.
KYO-UTEN-MARU.
WE'LL COUNT ON YOUR EYES.
♡
WORLD RECORD

lots of Crickets
VROOM


YES, THEIR TAKING OF ILLEGAL DONATIONS IS ALSO INEXCUSABLE, SO WE'LL DEAL WITH THEM PROPERLY BEFORE THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTIONS.
UNDERSTOOD.
INCLUDE A REPORT SAYING THAT SLOPPY CONSTRUCTION WORK RESULTED IN POOR QUALITY.
THEN LEAK IT TO THE MEDIA BEFORE ANYBODY DIES... JUST LIKE US...
OK, BUT THE CURRENT COMPANY BOSSES HAVE CONNECTIONS TO THE UNDERWORLD.
HU HU... IT'S FUNNY THAT THOSE CABINET MINISTERS AND BUREAUCRATS THINK OF THEMSELVES AS THE TOP OF THE NATION, WHILE THEIR FATE RESTS IN OUR HANDS.
MOEGI.
I BELIEVE WE EXIST FOR THE SAKE OF THIS COUNTRY. WE WORK AS INFORMATION THIEVES FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE.


GRANDMA, GET IN TOO. IT'S REFRESHING--
♡
IF YOU GET HEATED UP AND THINK LIKE THAT, YOU'LL EVENTUALLY BECOME THE SAME AS THEM.
Under-stood, I'll be care-ful
IS SHE THE RUMORED "JET BLACK", SAKURA-SAMA'S GRANDCHILD, HIFUMI-SAMA?
.....
UNTIL HER DECISION TO RETURN TO THE CLAN IS OFFI-CIAL, I'VE DECIDED TO KEEP HER AWAY FROM EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE AND SO SHE IS NOW EXCES-SIVELY BORED...
YES, THIS CHILD IS MIKIRI.
Sticker
I COULD BE HER OPPO-NENT, IF YOU ALLOW.
EVEN IF SHE REMEM-BERS MY FACE, IT WOULD NOT CAUSE ME TO FAIL A MISSION.
IS THAT SO? WELL THEN--

!
WHO ARE YOU?
PLEASED TO MEET YOU. MY NAME IS MOEGI.
SHE SAID THAT SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO BE YOUR TRAINING PARTNER, SINCE YOU CAN'T GO OUTSIDE.


REALLY? I GOT TIRED OF TRAINING ON MY OWN ALL THE TIME. ♡
THERE ARE REALLY ONLY WOMEN IN THIS VILLAGE, NE—
IT IS SAID THAT IT'S HEREDI-TARY AND ALSO THAT IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING IN THIS LAND'S WATER.
BUT A ONE YEAR OLD BOY AND A THREE YEAR OLD BOY LIVE IN THE VIL-LAGE AS WELL.
HEE—
EVEN THOUGH THEY SAY THAT SHE HAS THE POWER OF BLACK, SHE WAS RAISED IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD
SO ORDINARY, FULL OF OPENINGS.
WELL THEN, LET'S BEGIN.
OKAY, OKAY
NO NEED TO HOLD BACK. COME AT ME WITH EVERY-THING YOU'VE GOT. ♡

EHP! SORAP HER?
SO SHE WAS REALLY FROM THIS VILLAGE, LIKE KANNAMI GUESSED, HUH.
I INTEND TO DO THAT.
NOW SHOW ME THE ABILITIES YOU USED TO BEAT MY DISCIPLE, SORA.
I Erm... overdid it on that occasion
THERE'S NO NEED FOR APOLOGIES.
SHE HAD THE RESOLVE, AND MORE THAN THAT, THE INTENT TO KILL YOU.

ALTHOUGH I TOLD HER THAT THE JOB REQUIRES A WARY APPROACH,
SHE ALSO INVOLVED THREE PEOPLE WHO HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.
THEN,
IT'S FINE TO FORGET ABOUT IT?
!?
OK ♡
Push
THAT'S WHAT SHE MEANS.
HERE I COME!
WHAT'S WITH HER? EVEN DURING THE ACTUAL SPAR, SHE'S FULL OF OPENINGS.

Grab
A BIG TECH-NIQUE.
HOWEVER, SUCH...
WON'T WORK ON ME!
Slip
Ah!
Throw
NICE REACTION.

THE AIM OF HER JOINTS IS VERY PRECISE, I SEE.
Sneak
BAM
SHE IS FULL OF OPENINGS,
Stare
BECAUSE SHE'S CONFIDENT THAT SHE CAN DEAL WITH EVERYTHING THAT MIGHT COME!
SOMEHOW I CAN'T GET A HOLD ON YOU--
Sweet

MOEGI'S COLOR IS GREEN SO SHE IS A MIX OF "BLUE" AND "YELLOW", RIGHT ? WHAT DID GRANDMA SAY ABOUT "BLUE" AND "YELLOW" AGAIN?
HMM, TROUBLESOME..
IT WAS NOT CURB WAIT
IT MEANS THAT SHE SPECIALIZES IN "SPEED" AND "GUARD".
SO WE CAN'T GET HIT ON PURPOSE AND THEN GRAB HER LIKE WE DID BACK THEN WITH GINGA..
SWITCH WITH ME TO CHANGE OUR RHYTHM,
I WANT TO TEST SOMETHING OUT, BEFORE THE REAL SHOW BEGINS.
OK
!?

THIS TIME THERE ARE NO OPENINGS AT ALL!
IS THIS THE PERSON-ALITY CHANGE?
Sweet
Sweet
Ha

SO FAST! THERE'S NO WAY SORA COULD HOPE TO DEAL WITH THEM.
I'LL TAKE THE PUNCH AND GRAPPLE HER!
Whoosh
HOWEVER, HER PUNCHES ARE LIGHT.
Rapid punches + Rapid kicking
Wham
WHAT?
WHA...
WHAT WAS THAT ATTACK?

CRASH
ガクン
ヒュン
SWI
next
next

!!
THUD
KUU!
GETTING BEATEN WHILE TESTING BLACK'S ABILITIES IS NOT FUNNY.
BUT IT COULD WORK IF WE GO AGAINST HER TWO VERSUS ONE.
ANZU...

HOW TROUBLESOME. IT SEEMS THAT THE CHILDREN HERE ALL HAVE AN INTEREST IN BLACK'S POWER... BUT INTRUDING INTO THEIR SPAR IS RUDE.
I'M JUST SAYING THIS, BUT OUR JOB ALWAYS REQUIRES US TO EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM SPORTING MATCHES WITH ETIQUETTE.
shaking
ISN'T TEACHING THIS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A SENIOR?
SHE'S RIGHT.
IT'S ALRIGHT, GRANDMA. FUJIKO GUARDED PROPERLY.
Threatening
IT'S MY TURN!
THIS GOT INTERESTING!
NOW...
SWEAT
POW

Surprised
!!
What a killing aura...
Hu
Interesting kid
Stance
The most troublesome thing isn't Black's power.
She only thinks of where she can land attacks on her opponents.
Coming closer
It's that Black's power is split into three different attack patterns!
Okay
Okay, that's enough for today. ♡

HIBIKI, THE DESIRE OF YOU AND THE OTHERS
IS TO BE ABLE TO USE 100% OF YOUR POWER WHEN THAT IMPORTANT DAY COMES, RIGHT?
Ha?
Wha—
What, we can't continue?
THAT'S RIGHT.
U-understood...
THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN A BATTLE IS TO BE IN TOP PHYSICAL CONDITION, BEFORE THE ACTUAL EVENT.
I WANT TO EAT TROUT.
OKAY.
SO SINCE YOU ALL HAVE MET EACH OTHER WE CAN HAVE DINNER TOGETHER. PLEASE HELP ME WITH THE PREPARATIONS. ♡

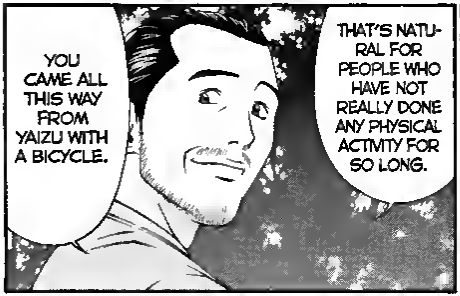
IT'S BETTER TO NOT OVERDO IT.
HEY, CAN YOU ALREADY WALK ON YOUR OWN?
Ye- yes.
My entire body still screams in pain, but I must go!

Uuh..

Wobbly
Ugi
Walk on his legs

After the bike's brakes snapped, I crashed and couldn't get up You guys are life savers!
I'm really grateful for your kindness, saving me from the verge of death.

IT'S JUST NORMAL TO CALL OUT TO SOMEONE LYING COLLAPSED IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES RIGHT?
WELL THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED.
EHEHE, WE ARE NOT THAT NICE.


YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY FROM YAIZU WITH A BICYCLE.
THAT'S NATU-RAL FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT REALLY DONE ANY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR SO LONG.

ANYWAY YOU WEREN'T HURT AS BADLY AS EXPECTED AT FIRST. THE TWIGS OF THE TREES CUSH-IONED YOUR FALL.
YOU ONLY HAVE SOME SLIGHT CUTS AND BRUISES ON YOUR BACK.
ALTHOUGH THE BICYCLE IS TOTALLY BROKEN
B- but Masa-san, my entire body is making those creaking sounds!

It's j-just sore muscles?
EX-ACT-LY.
ガクッ

THERE ARE GREAT PLACES TO GET WATER IN THE MOUNTAINS AND WE CAN PICK MANY EDIBLE WILD FRUITS, SO IT'S ACTUALLY NOT BAD.
WE'RE ALONGSIDE THE HIGHWAY, SO THERE ARE ALSO A DRIVE-IN AND MANY CONVENIENCE STORES AROUND.
WHY ARE YOU AND THE OTHERS LIVING IN THE WOODS?
IT WOULD BE EASIER TO COLLECT THROWN AWAY MAGAZINES AND EMPTY CANS IN TOWN.
Umm. aren't you lonely without your family?
Of course I'm lonely
BUT IT'S TOO LATE. I ONLY REALIZED HOW GRATEFUL I SHOULD BE FOR MY FAMILY, AFTER I THREW IT AWAY.
WHAT MY FAMILY NEEDED WAS NOT MONEY, BUT COMMUNICATION.
THE GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENS ARE ANNOYING. THERE ARE ALSO LOTS OF DANGEROUS BRATS AROUND. THE CAMPING LIFESTYLE IS MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE.

SO NOW I THINK OF THE GUYS AS MY NEW FAMILY. ACTUALLY WE'RE ALL SAVING MONEY TO BUY A HOUSE.
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT THE FIRST MEMBER OF THE FAMILY YOU CREATE IS YOUR BRIDE, AND SHE WAS A STRANGER IN THE FIRST PLACE.
You're not some kind of stalker, are you?
N-NO I AM NOT!
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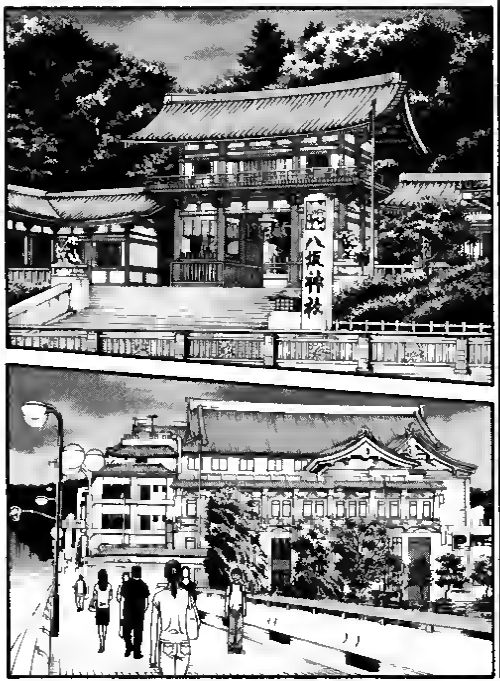
RIGHT!
NO MATTER WHAT MIGHT COME. I WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR HER!
WELL, THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU CHASING AFTER YOUR GIRL. GOOD LUCK.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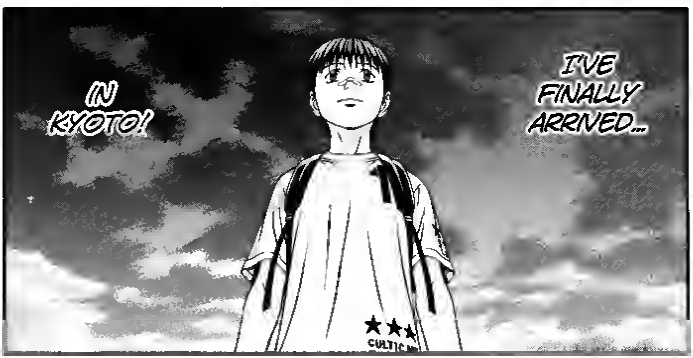
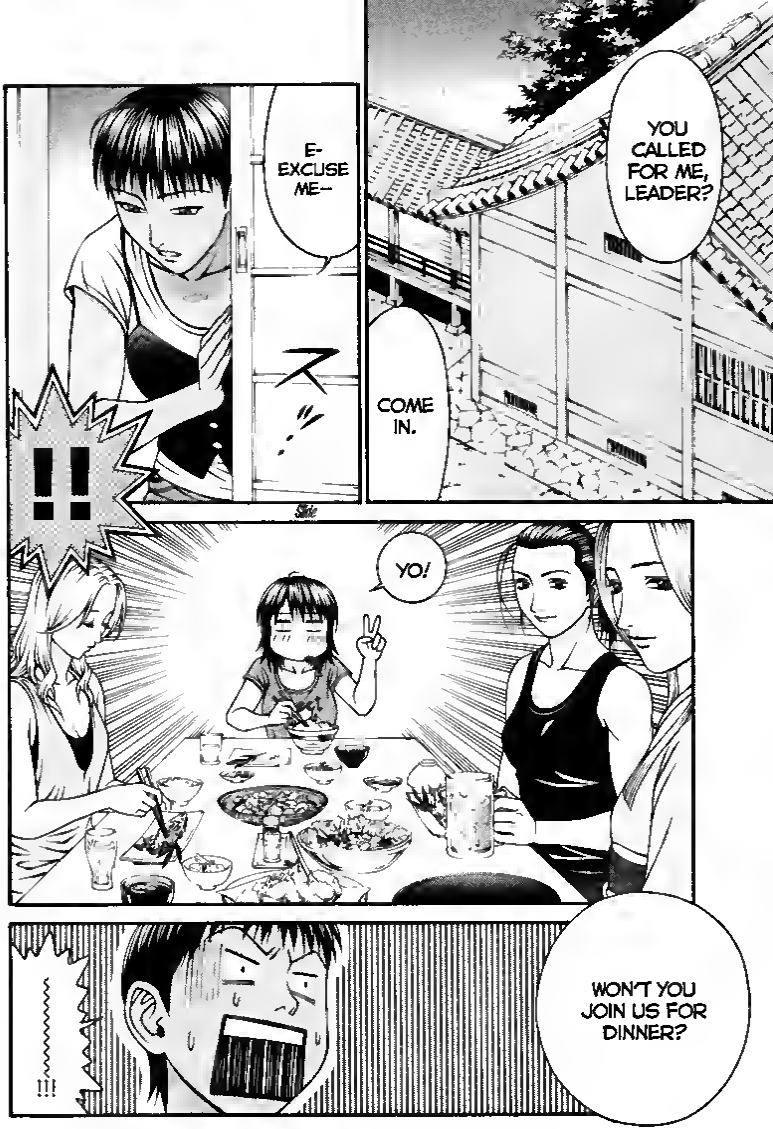

IN KYOTO!
I'VE FINALLY ARRIVED...

grow
MASA-SAN MENTIONED SOME RESTAURANTS THAT THROW AWAY LEFTOVERS DURING THE SUMMER, I SHOULD LOOK FOR THOSE...
I ONLY HAVE ABOUT 2,000 YEN LEFT. WHAT SHOULD I DO FROM NOW ON~
.....
BUT.
I'M HUNGRY.
BUT THIS IS JUST THE START. THE ACTUAL SEARCH FOR HIFUMI BEGINS HERE!
Thump
IF ONLY THIS WERE MINE...
THAT KIND OF RESOLVE, YET
BUT I REALLY DON'T HAVE...
W-WOW, 100... 200 THOUSAND YEN.
AH.


YOU CALLED FOR ME, LEADER?
COME IN.
E- EXCUSE ME—
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YO!
WON'T YOU JOIN US FOR DINNER?
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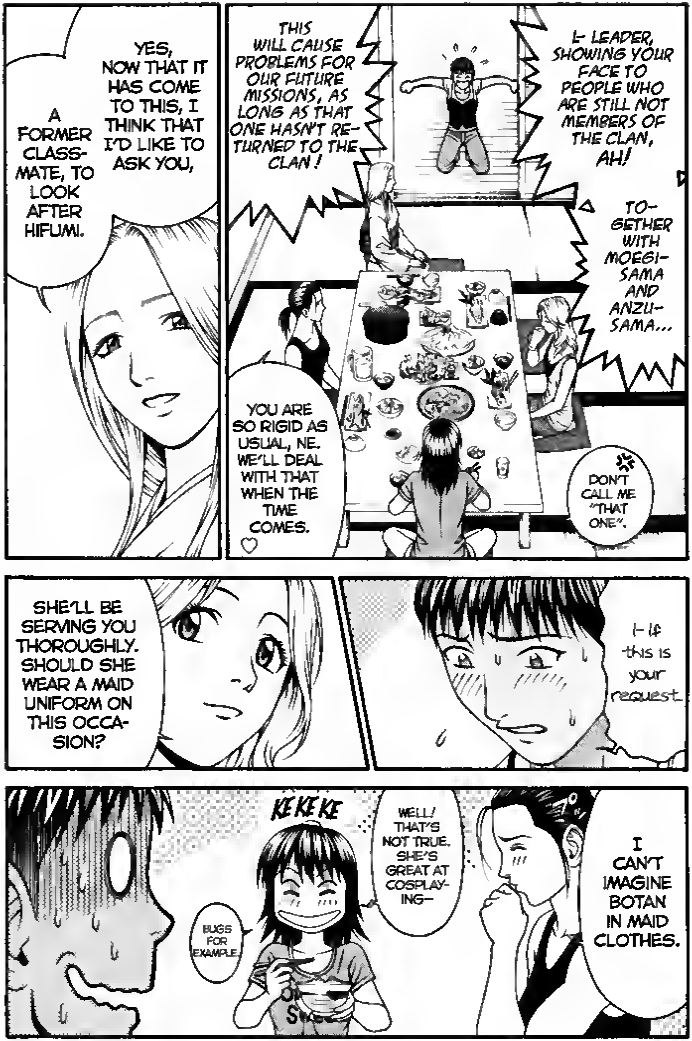
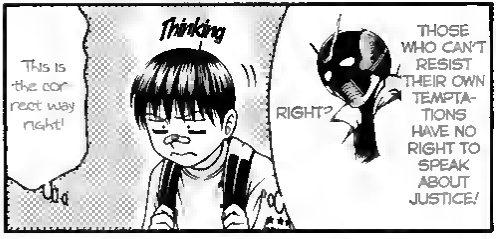
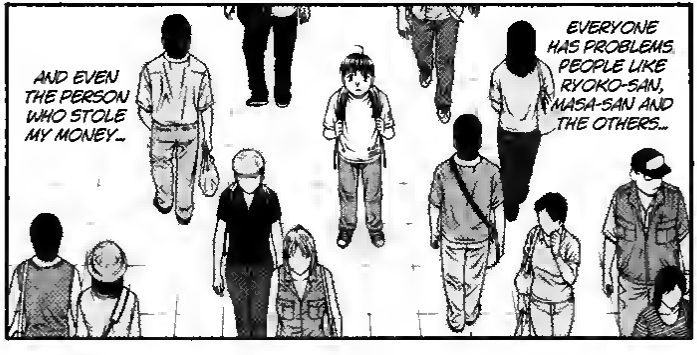
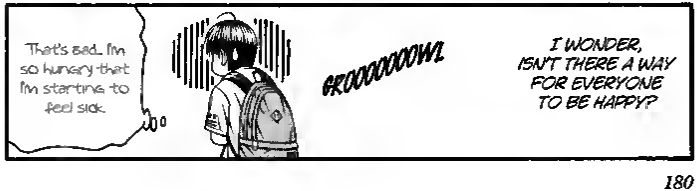

YES, NOW THAT IT HAS COME TO THIS, I THINK THAT I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU,
A FORMER CLASS-MATE, TO LOOK AFTER HIFUMI.
THIS WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR OUR FUTURE MISSIONS, AS LONG AS THAT ONE HASN'T RE-TURNED TO THE CLAN!
L- LEADER, SHOWING YOUR FACE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL NOT MEMBERS OF THE CLAN, AH!
TO-GETHER WITH MOEGI-SAMA AND ANZU-SAMA...
YOU ARE SO RIGID AS USUAL, NE. WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES.
DON'T CALL ME "THAT ONE".
SHE'LL BE SERVING YOU THOROUGHLY. SHOULD SHE WEAR A MAID UNIFORM ON THIS OCCA-SION?
I- IF THIS IS YOUR REQUEST
KE KE KE
WELL/ THAT'S NOT TRUE. SHE'S GREAT AT COSPLAY-ING-
I CAN'T IMAGINE BOTAN IN MAID CLOTHES.
BUSS FOR EXAMPLE


Thinking
This is the correct way right!
RIGHT?
THOSE WHO CAN'T RESIST THEIR OWN TEMPTATIONS HAVE NO RIGHT TO SPEAK ABOUT JUSTICE!

KOBAN
WELL WHEN I FIND THE OWNER--
Ah. I'm on a journey, so I'll forfeit receiving the reward for finding it. Well then, I leave the rest in your hands.

FURTHERMORE, I CAN UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR MONEY ALL TOO WELL.
NOT EVERYTHING IS ABOUT MONEY, RIGHT MASA-SAN?


AND EVEN THE PERSON WHO STOLE MY MONEY...
EVERYONE HAS PROBLEMS. PEOPLE LIKE RYOKO-SAN, MASA-SAN AND THE OTHERS...


That's bad. I'm so hungry that I'm starting to feel sick.
GROOOOOOWL
I WONDER, ISN'T THERE A WAY FOR EVERYONE TO BE HAPPY?

Crunch
DELICIOUS, BUT
I ONLY ATE PICKLED SAMPLE FOOD, AND NOW MY THROAT IS COMPLETELY DRY.
Thud
STOP KIDDING WITH ME, OLD MAN!
AFTER EATING THAT, YOU CAN'T JUST SAY THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY!
That's why I said sorry...
IF A "SORRY" WERE ENOUGH, WE WOULDN'T NEED THE POLICE!
COME ON, STAND UP.
I DON'T WANT TO END UP LIKE HIM...
Ow ow.

Ta-Tatsuya-san?!
IF IT'S NOT THE SON IN LAW. ♡
Well, after finishing my meal I realized that I had dropped my wallet somewhere,
But he doesn't believe me.
What are you doing?
AH!
WALLET...

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それぞれの想いが交錯し

素子の人格を取り戻すため、最後の賭けに出たひふみ達。
そして、そのひふみ達を追い京都へとやってきた小介川。
ふたりは再会出来るのか!? そして素子は――!?
ふたりの想いはあらゆる仲間を巻き込んで――!!
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